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MORI points to 180 to 200 majority

Blair heading for No 10 say the polls

they were still claiming that it

would not be a landslide defeat on the basis of their

own canvassing and reports from constituencies. Labour

leaders were also cautious

about the margin of victory.

though they were now confi-

Senior Conservatives

believe that John Major will

resign swiftly if the expected

severe as the polls suggest. He

will make his intentions clear

based on an unusually large sample of 2,300. Based on

Tuesday's interviews, Labour

had 51 per cent support, the Tories 27 and the Liberal

Democrats on 15 per cent.

Then a lifth of those ques-

tioned were called again yes-

terday, reducing the Labour

figure to 48 per cent, and

The final MORI poll was

to vote at the

TONY BLAIR'S Labour Party is heading for a large Commons majority in today's general election to end a record 18 years of Conservative

A MORI poll for The Times. taken on Tuesday and updated yesterday, shows that Labour has maintained its commanding lead throughout the campaign and that the Tories have failed to stage a last-minute recovery. Support for the Liberal Democrats appears to have firmed up in the last fortnight.

Labour is shown at 48 per cent, compared with 28 per cent for the Tories and 16 per cent for the Liberal Democrats. The Referendum Party is on 2 per cent. This is after telephone contacts with "soft" and wavering voters yester-day, which showed only a riny

shift «gainst Labout. A fifth of those questioned say they may still change their vote today, though these shifts may split evenly between the parties. There are also signs that turnout may be less than the 78 per cent recorded five

broadly in line with the results of the final polls published in other papers this morning, which show an unprecedent ediy large Labour lead for polling day. Taken at face value, and assuming no big regional variations, the poll suggests an overall Commons majority of between 180 and

Tory strategists were pri-vately conceding last night that they had lost, although

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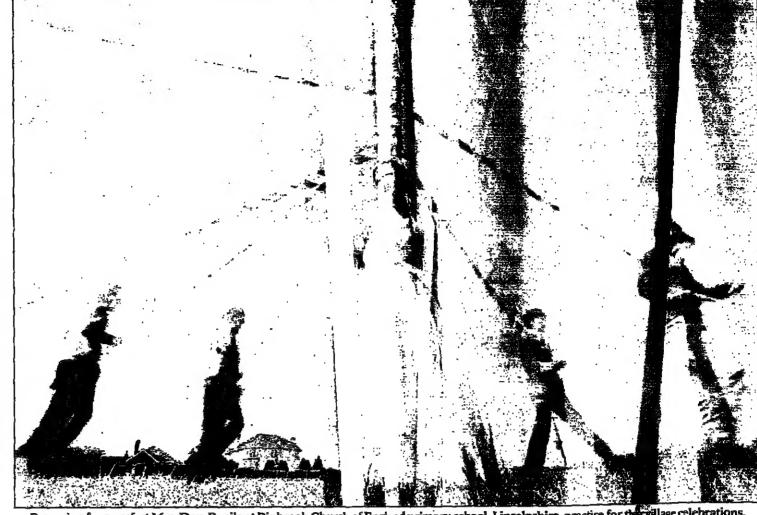
> Other polls published today are broadly similar in showing a large Labour lead, although they vary considerably over its size. The smallest is Gallup in The Daily Telegraph which puts Labour on to per cent, against 33 per cent for the Tories - which would still mean a very large major-ity for Mr Blair. NOP for Reuters has a 50 to 28 per cent gap, while Harris for The Independent has a 48-31 per cent margin.

Mr Major and Mr Blair were studiously avoiding giving too much credence to the polls as they made their final pleas to the voters - Mr Blair said last night: "The polls have been wrong before and they can be wrong again. Every last vote counts.

The Prime Minister told undecided voters that the nation's success was "too good to give up". He said that people anning to switch to new Labour were falling for "the false attraction of a well pack-

aged marketing scam". Tory term as a "future which threatens every family in Britain". He said: "It is a choice between a Tory future with the end of the NHS as we know it, more failing schools, and with John Major unable Continued on page 2. col 6

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Preparing for a perfect May Day: Pupils at Binbrook Church of England primary school, Lincolnshire, practise for the vallage celebrations.

The election forecast is for the hottest day of the year. 73F (23C) in England and Wales, but cooler and danger in Scotland

Heseltine in line for top job a GEC

By Patience Wheatcroft **BUSINESS EDITOR**

MICHAEL HESELTINE could become the next chairman of the giant industrial group GEC. He is said to have made clear his interest in the Conservative Cabinet minister Lord Prior, who is due to retire in

September. Sources close to the Deputy Prime Minister say that he has not totally given up his political ambitions and he would be tempted to stand if there were a Tory leadership election. "Being leader would undoubtedly be his first choice, but being chairman of GEC is now clearly his second." a senior Tory

with strong City links said. However, the company is said to have mixed feelings about the prospect

of Mr Heseltine as its top man. George Simpson, the former Rover chairman who became managing director last September, is said to be wary of such a high-profile appointment. However, Lord Weinstock, who bears the title Chairman Emeritus, is thought to be a

appointment. Lord Weinstock joined his father-inlaw's company in 1954 and ran it as managing director from 1963 until his retirement last year. His views are still

listened to within the company. Mr Heseltine does have more busi-He launched the successful publishing company, Haymarket, and his family retains a major holding in the company through trusts. But if he were to pursue a business career now. a company operating on the world stage

appeal than returning to the helm at With sales of almost £6 billion last

year and profits of almost El billion. GEC is one of the world's leading industrial companies, with interests to making trains and Hotpoint cookers. For a Europhile such as Mr Heseltine, the company would also have the attraction of strong links with

the French Thomson organisation. As chairman, he would be expected to pay a major role in building the ness credentials than most politicians, company, Lord Prior, who joined the company in 1984 and last year received a salary of £306,000, has travelled the world selling GEC to governments and other major customers. It is not a

sinecure," a company insider said.

If he were to join GEC, Mr Heseltine

- as GEC does - might have more would sad himself with a former Tory colleague in hard Needinam, the former train and Northern Ireland minister, became a director in October

> But Lord Prior laughed-off the reports. He said: "I don't believe it. We talking about my successor but we don't know who it is going to be yet. have not heard his name mentioned. navenucheary no name mentioned. I am figure to go in September but that will depend on whether we find the right person for the july

> Asked whether he thought Mr Heeline would be a good replacement, he updated: "I have no information to suggest he would even be interested in the job. I think he will be core interested in the Tory herdership. more intrested ested in the Tory leadership

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Short tipped for Cabinet post as Labour prepares its team your name and address, and give you a ballot paper. Local government elections are also being contested in county

CLARE SHORT, the controversial Labour leftwinger, is expected to gain a place in Tony Blair's first Cabinet if he wins today's election.

John Prescott, the deputy leader, will become Deputy Prime Minister and head a new super-ministry covering the environment, transport and regional affairs in the event of a Labour victory.

Gordon Brown will become Chancellor, Robin Cook Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw Home Secretary and David Blunken Education Secretary - the areas they have been shadowing in recent years. Me Mowlam, who has been recovering from treatment for

a brain tumour, is expected to

Mr Blair would decide on the remaining posts after entering Downing Street on Friday. Senior posts are certain in the event of a Blair victory for Margaret Beckett, whom the

retary. Lord Irvine of Lairg will become Lord Chancellor.

leadership reckons to have had a good campaign, and Donald Dewar, currently the Chief Whip. Recent speculation that Ms Short, who is likely to become Overseas Development Secretary, a new Cabinet post promised in the manifesto,

alty in Mr Blair's first appointments is understood to be wide of the mark. She has often been in hot water with Labour leaders.

would be an immediate casu-

Blair embarrassment over her to Cabinet posts than there are places available. call for the legalisation of cannabis, an attack on his spin doctors as "forces of darkness" and a row with her then

was Shadow Transport Sec-Ms Short is popular in the party and with the public. The affection has grown since it became known at the end of last year that she had been reunited with the son she gave up for adoption 31 years

deputy, Brian Wilson, over

privatisation when she

A number of the 19 elected shadow cabinet members will not get a place in the Cabinet. which would be required if Mr mentary Labour party rules to

there are more people entitled

Apart from the 19 elected shadow cabinet figures, Mr Blair needs two Cabinet slots in the Lords for the Lord Chancellor and Leader of the Lords: he and Mr Prescott take the figure up to 23. In addition Andrew Smith, the transport spokesman, and Alistair Darling, the Shadow Chief Secretary, are not elect-ed shadow cabinet members although they are in would-be Cabinet posts; Derek Foster, the Shadow Public Service Minister, was promised a Cabinet job when he gave up being Chief Whip. So Mr Blair

has 26 names for the 22 paid

posts he is allowed by law.

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Mandelson in car escape

Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, had a narrow escape yesterday when a lorry broke an axle and lost two wheels on the Al9 in Teesside. One wheel struck the roof of Mr Mandelson's car. Mr Mandelson was shaken but unhurt.



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THE mother of a boy thief has been jailed for refusing to pay his court costs. She was protesting at a refusal by magistrates to lock up her son.

The 14-year-old, who has been in constant trouble with police, was placed under a 12-month supervision order for stealing a CD player and a baskethall. His 37-year-old mother, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had warned social services in dozens of meetings over 18 months that her son would not respond to "soft" treatment and needed to be detained. She is serving a seven-day sentence for not paying his £40 costs. Family and

friends are organising a petition to have her freed.

The woman said yesterday from Eastwood Park Prison. Wiltshire: "I am just disgusted with the legal system. Me being in here is wasting taxpayers' money. All the magistrates had to do was help my son by locking

Her brother said: "This is absolutely outrageous. While he roams the streets causing trouble, my sister - who has never even had a parking ticket - is now behind bars. He has absolutely no respect for his mother. He just doesn't

The boy's 50-year-old stepfather said: "She has done everything to

support him. She must have had 50 meetings with social services. He got in with the wrong crowd and started smoking cannabis.

"He stole her video and sold it for £6. He stole my binoculars, which are worth £100, and sold them just for £6 worth of cannabis ... when he gets caught he is just cautioned because he

When the boy admitted the thefts from a school and a house in Corsham. Wiltshire, his mother wrote to North Wiltshire Youth Court, asking that he be sent to a secure unit.

When they refused, she wrote back: "I cannot accept that I should have to pay any charges when the judicial

system has let down myself and society in general. I see that only a sharp shock could now save him from a life of delinquency."

A spokeswoman for Wiltshire County Council, whose social services are helping the boy, said: "It is the courts that decide on sentences. There are strict guidelines as to when young people can be put into secure accommodation and his offences don't fit those criteria.

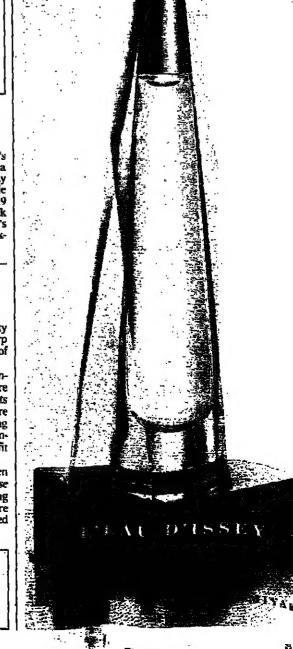
"Social services" view is that children who are locked up with far worse offenders can suffer more from being locked up with them than if they are not. He is currently with experienced foster carers."

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Judge seeks end to right of anonymity for office 'sneaks'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A PROMINENT privatised utility which saked a manager for gross nisconduct, but refused to tell him what the allegation was it by whom it was made, was at

judge yesterday Sir Richard ko the Vice Chancellor, ordered the company to disclose the name of the third party to he sacked manager, who geht then then be able to such r wrong-ful dismissal or lite to clear his name.

Legal experts say he ruling constitutes an advare in employment law with could ensure "office sneaks" in such cases are brought into the open. It also rein tees the right of employees bloow the nature of any case made against them so that they can

properly contest it. Sir Richard ordered names of none of the parties in the case should be pub shed. to protect future kgall which could be before in a forthright ratio judge said he was d disclosure of the name informant to enable be done".

He said "circumsta mand" that the 53manager, who was from his £40.000-2782 should be given a diag clear his name, others future employment prowould be ruined.

person in he position should be stained by serious allega-tions of which he has no means of discovering their content unless by the assistance of an order of disclosure such as he seks from me." The manager is bringing a High Cour action alleging wrongful demissal. Sir Richard said it was "grossly un-

fair" that an employee should be dismissed for gross misconduct without being given any opportunity to meet the serious allegations against him "As an example of employ-ment practice it seems to me ous." he said.

sacked after

telling you'.

The manager has received

no money, has lost his

company car, pension rights

and private medical care for

his family. "He is simply not

able to get further employ-ment in this field because of

the nature of his dismissal."

Mr Pawlak said an industri

al tribunal had ordered the

nanager's reinstakment, but

The managing director of

the company had said it was

not willing to disclose the

llegations because this would

identify the informant. But the

udge/said the failure to dis-

close the information made

the disciplinary hearing "no

more than a fare.

the company had refused.

rejected.

outrageous, he said. Witold Pawlak, for the company, was given 14 days suspension of the order pending a possible appeal. The company was also ordered to pay the costs of the hearing.



Scott said hearing was

Officer's **Widow** tells of terror

By Nicholas Watt

THE widow of the last prison Mr Pawlak told the judge the officer to be murdered by company was withdrawing its loyalists yesterday told how admission that the manager amilies suffered relentless had been wrongfully dis intimidation from terrorists. missed. He was employed by Sandra Peacock said that her children had endured the company for four years tendering for outside contracts years of verbal abuse. Her when he was told by the windows were regularly managing director in May last year that spious allegations smashed before the Ulster Volunteer Force finally shot had been made against him by dead her husband, Jim, at an outside party.
Patrick Elas, (IC, his coun their Belfast home in 1993.

Mrs Peacock, 51, said her sel, said the manager was heart went out to the wives and children of prison offia disciplinary hearing and his appeal was cers who were now living in fear after the Ulster Freedom "At all these hearings he asked what was the nature of Fighters warned that a "price would be paid" if riot squads the complaint against him but the company said. We are not broke up the protest at the Maze jail.

Although the Northern Ire-land Prison Service insisted that it would not use force, the UFF statement served as a reminder that prison officers are facing the most serious threat since the end of the ceasefire.

Prison officers and their families are particularly vulnerable to intimidation from loyalists because they often live in areas which are under the sway of the terrorists. Mrs Peacock said: "It is so easy to target a family when the husband is out to work because the terrorists know exactly where you live. We suffered 20 years of intimidation and the house was even attacked when I was preg-



Sandra Peacock's husband was shot dead in 1993

nant. They would usually wait until Jim had gone to work and they would put the windows in beat up the children and shout abuse."

Mrs Peacock, who described the terrorists as "cowards and scum", said it was difficult to increase security for the families of prison officers because that would only leave the wives and children of RUC officers vulnerable. She said: "My heart goes out to those women because I know what they are going through. They will be left alone while their

husbands are out at work and many of the women will have to sit up all night to protect their children.

In September 1993 a gunman fired a single bullet at Jim Peacock, 44, as he prepared a hot drink for his wife. The terrorists struck after a protest at the Maze by similarities with the latest protest by prisoners from the Ulster Defence Association. Mr Peacock was the 30th prison officer to be murdered by terrorists during the

H-blocks protest spreads as talks fail to end crisis

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

CRISIS talks between loyalist politicians and senior govern-ment officials in Belfast failed to end the second night of protests by terrorist immates at the Maze prison yesterday.

Masked inmates from the Ulster Defence Association, including notorious terrorists, remained in control of two H-blocks as the protest spread to other loyalist wings

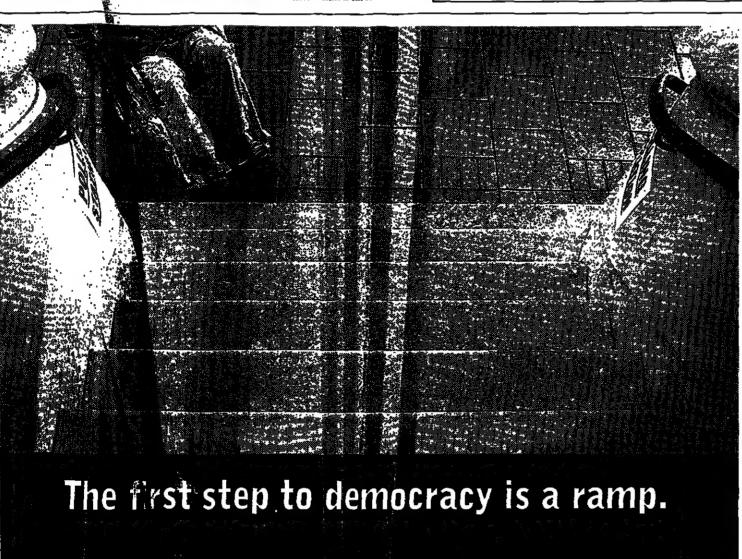
at the high-security jail. The protest intensified after leaders of the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of the UDA, failed to reach agreement during an hour of talks at Stormont Castle with John Steele, the director of security at the Northern Ire-land Office. In a tense meeting, the UDP told Mr Steele that loyalist prisoners were furious after conditions were tightened at the Maze in the wake of the IRA's escape attempt last month. John White, the UDP's prisons spokesman, said that it was

unfair to penalise loyalists. Speaking after the talks last night, Mr White said that he had found little common ground with the Northern Ireland Office officials. Mr White, who is to return to Stormont for further talks today, said: "Until an agreement is made between the prison administration and prisoners, unfortunately the demonstration will continue. But there is still a hope some answers to the ques-Up to 150 UDA prisoners

on H-blocks I and 2 took to the roofs of their wings and set fire to observation towers on Tuesday to protest against the tightening of conditions at the prison. They were angry that the inquiry into the IRA escape attempt recommended that both republican and loyalist prisoners be locked up briefly twice a day to allow prison officers to make a head-count and to inspect cells. Movement between Hblocks was also restricted. Republican prisoners co-op-

erated with the new regime. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the outgoing Northern Ireland Secretary, defended the new security measures. He said: The measures are not a punishment. They are simply the very minimum that the public can expect to ensure the safety is a top-security prison." Sir Patrick condemned the Ulster Freedom Fighters, the cover name for the UDA, for threatening prison officers. In a statement issued on Wednesday night, the UFF said that a "price would be paid" if the authorities broke up the pro-

test by force. The talks at Stormont appeared to raise questions about the Government's apparent insistence that it will only talks to parties that are committed to peace.



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Asylum judges agree that France is 'safe'

The Home Secretary won High Court backing yesterday over a decision to return a Turkish asylum seeker to France. In a ruling with implications for hundreds of similar cases, judges upheld as lawful Michael Howard's policy of stemming a stream of would-be refugees across the Channel, on the ground that France was a "safe country" for them to

Lawyers for Gulay Canbolat, 24, had argued that, in some cases, the French authorities did not properly consider asylum claims and that she would be in danger of being returned to Turkey, where she feared persecution. But Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, and two other appeal judges, refused a judicial review. Mrs Canbolat travelled to Britain last August by Eurostar. Because of the lapse of time, an immigration officer's decision to send her back has been put on hold while her application is determined on merit.

Visitor numbers up

Most of the top ten tourist attractions reported an increase in visitors last year. Overall the number of visitors increased by 3 per cent with industrial heritage sites such as old factories, farms and steam railways all recording well over the average increase. The top ten were: Blackpool Pleasure Beach (7.5 million visitors); British Museum (6.2m); National Gallery (5ra); Palace Pier, Brighton (4.25m); Alton Towers (2.75m); Madame Tussauds (2.7m); Tower of London (2.5m); Westminster Abbey (2.5m); Eastbourne Pier (2.3m); York Minster (2.2m). Travel News, pages 42, 43

Acne drug death verdict

A 17-year-old girl died from a drug prescribed for her acne, a coroner said. Christina Robinson, of Great Yarmouth, suffered a blood clot on the lung after taking Dianette for six weeks. She became ill at home on January 30 and was taken to the town's James Paget Hospital after recovering consciousness. She collapsed again at the hospital, failed to recover consciousness and was pronounced dead three hours later. The Great Yarmouth inquest was told that she had collapsed five days earlier. The coroner, Keith Dowding, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Farmer fined £9,000

Aubrey Hancock, 62, a beef farmer from Alford, Lincoln-shire, has been fined £9,000 and ordered to pay £25,000 costs at Lincoln Crown Court for giving false information to support a claim that his cattle had never been exposed to BSE. He admitted three charges of providing a false trade description of goods. He had certified that III cattle from his herd had been born and lived all their lives on Holme Farm when they had in fact been kept on two other plots of land as well. It is thought to be the first successful prosec kind instigated by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Big Ben takes a break

Big Ben stopped yesterday, the eve of election day. The bells and clock hands, high in their eyrie above the Palace of Westminster, were stilled for 45 minutes. Engineers first noticed that the clock had stopped at 12.12pm. They climbed the 334 steps from ground to mechanism, to discover that an escapement bearing had mysteriously tightened itself, bringing the 138-year-old works to a standstill. Some fast work by the maintenance men had the clock going again by 12.54, in good time for its one o'clock chimes.

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List of BSE landfill sites 'held back by Hogg'

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE

THE Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg was accused yesterday of holding back information on the location of landfill sites where cattle carcasses suspected of being in-fected with "mad cow" disease

are buried. When Gavin Strang, Labour's agriculture spokesman. asked for the information last month, Mr Hogg said the data was not centrally held and could be gathered only_at "disproportionate cost". The Environment Agency said yesterday, however, that it had sent a list of the 59 sites to the Ministry of Agriculture on March 14 and was carrying out risk assessments at six of them to see if they posed any

danger to public health. Mr Strang said: "It is deeply regrettable that Mr Hogg chose to sit on this information which he could have revealed before the Commons rose. It is now vital that any research concerning the safety of these

sites is made public. The Environment Agency said a list of the sites published yesterday in a newswas accurate. They рарет extend from Dorset to Calthness in Scotland.

In response, the Ministry of Agriculture released a letter sent by Mr Hogg to Dr Strang on April 29, admitting that a list existed but saying he believed it best to await the results of [the Environment Agency's assessment before publishing the location of all the sites". To do otherwise could cause needless local

anxiety" A total of 6,117 cattle suspected of having BSE were buried in landfill sites between 1988 and 1991. Since then there has been sufficient incineration capacity to burn all suspect carcasses. The animals' heads were removed before burial but their spinal cords, which are potentially infective, were not. After the disclosure a year ago that a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease might have been caused by BSE, scientists were asked to re-examine the safety of the

Blair heading for Downing St

Continued from page 1 to hold his party together. Or a better future with new Labour - a party whose priorities are

In his final speech in his constituency Mr Blair said there were only 24 hours to save Britain from a fifth Tory term. "Twenty-four hours to save our national health service. Twenty-four hours to give our children the education they need in our schools. Twnety-four hours to give hope to our young people and would not vote (6 per cent).

security to our elderly. Twenty-four hours to build that great decent British society."

Paddy Ashdown was in education and rebuilding the a buoyant form as his party strategists predicted that he was close to a breakthrough. There were growing hopes that the Liberal Democrats could win more than 30 seats today.

MORI interviewed 2,304

adults at 253 sampling points across Britain on Tuesday. Voting intentions figures exclude those who say they

were undecided (6 per cent) or who refused to name a party (5 per cent). A recall survey was conducted yesterday by telephone among those who had not disclosed a voting intention either becasue they refused to say, were undecided. or although giving their voting intention, said they might change their mind.

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Birds provide a 'stimulating' welcome as creatures who must not be bo





It's behind you: the unwitting peacock wanders the improved enclosure, seemingly unaware that it has company. The bear reaches out to grab the feathers but, seconds later, the bird managed to escape

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE peacock was looking pretty proud. It was in a newly revamped enclosure at London Zoo. Unfortunately, it did not know that the improvements were to make sure that newly arriving bears tion for one day. could have a "stimulating" environment, shared with

cocks, for example. This was the moment when the bird met one of its new live-in companions, a sloth

other creatures. Like pea-

Peacock is one of the bear necessities

slothful yesterday. It ambled up and grabbed the peacock's feathers. The bird escaped, but looked as though it had shared quite enough stimula-

The zoo was welcoming back the presence of bears for the first time in 12 years. To counter past criticisms that old-style zookeeping harmed their physical and mental well-being, its two rare sloth

bears on the redesigned Mappin Terraces have ropes, trees and toys to entertain their new home with muntjac deer, monkeys and peacocks. Escape routes and fences al-low the deer and langurs to escape to their own enclosures if the bears get bad-tempered.

although the bears can reach 30mph in a short sprint: "Yes, they can be occasionally carnivorous and are, contrary to their name, quite quick. But not quick enough to get the birds - they get out of the

The terraces were closed in 1985 because of growing dis-quiet that the existing design was unsuitable. Nothing has been kept on the 2,300 square-

concrete structure since. Jo Gipps, director of the zoo, said it had always hoped to bring bears back: "We are now satisfied that we can keep these highly intelligent animals in the right conditions to neet all their welfare needs.

Keepers will put mealy worms, similar to the bears' natural diet of termites, in specially drilled logs, allowtheir food as they do in the wild. Doug Richardson, assis-tant curator of mammals, said: "They have obstacles and they adore plastic toys, including a traffic cone." and zoological sciences. Mr Richardson said: "In the past, when bears have been suggested for a return to the zoo. the usual criticism has been including a traffic cone." than bears cannot be kept The decision to refurbish humantly in captivity. Zoo

the terraces, at a cost of £160,000, is part of the 200's programme to raise visitor bears are often kept in enclosures that do not cater for their physical needs, let alone numbers and be financially their mental requirements." A lower pool, near the cafe

come from Warsaw 200 in Poland, and are the only sloth hears in Britain. The population in the wild is estimated at 400 in Sri Lanka and about 1,000 in India. It is hoped to use the two newcomers in a programme co-ordinated by Amsterdam zoo. Sloth bears can live to be 30.

The enclosure has been renamed Bear Mountain, following a suggestion by the zoo's children's committee. The bears are yet to be named

Victim identified killers with squeeze of a hand

By Shirley English

TWO killers were jailed yesterday after their victim identified them from his deathbed by a silent squeeze of his father's hand.

Mark Craig. 23, was doused in petrol and set alight at his home in Dumbarton, in September. He suffered fatal burns to his head, face, shoulders and arms and died ten days later from blood poisoning. But before he died in Glasgow Royal Infirmary informed his father Gordon, 51, who the attackers were. To the names Thomas Clancy and Edward Frize he responded with a confirming squeeze.

sister, Wendy. The couple have four children. Yesterday Clancy, 32, from

Dumbarton, was jailed for life at the High Court in Edinburgh. Lord Morison, the judge, recommended that he serve at least 15 years. Frize, 22, also of Dumbarton, who was earlier convicted of the reduced charge of culpable

At the six-day trial in early April both men had denied murdering Mr Craig and blamed each other for the fatal attack. The court was told that Clancy sprayed petrol over Mr Craig from a plastic bottle

meant to give him a scare. Frize, described in court as a fool who was easily led, claimed that Clancy had frightened him into going to the victim's home.

It emerged that the two men had earlier been in a fight with Mr Craig and another man. Stuart Docherty, 25, at a local social security office. They went to Mr Craig's home at

Mr Docherty testified that the pair had suddenly ap-peared in front of him and Mr Craig in the living room of the house. He said Clancy pulled out the bottle from a plastic bag and ordered Mr Craig to

Schoolgirls in funfair killing freed after a year

BY RICHARD FORD

TWO teenage girls jailed a year ago for killing a 13-year-old schoolgirl in a fight have been freed.

The girls, convicted of kill-ing Louise Allen, were reed under supervision from local authority secure accommodation in the East Mid-lands on Tuesday, a day earlier than planned. Staff made the decision to allow the girls to leave unnoticed.

Louise was kicked in the head during a fairground fight in Corby, Northamptonshire. The girls, aged 13 and 14, were sentenced to two years' detention after being convicted of manslaughter, An appeal by Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, to in-

turned down in February. They were released on the grounds that they would get 12 months off their sentence for good behaviour and had already spent seven months in custody before their trial. They will remain under the supervision of social services staff.

Louise's mother said the timing of the release, a day before the anniversary of the killing last year, was a "slap in the face".



A DOCTOR rejected a claim yesterday that a dying 15-year-old drug-user had been denied a liver transplant on moral grounds.

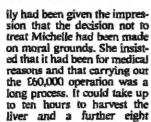
Dr Hilary Sanfey, 45, a surgeon with Edinburgh Royal Infirmary's liver transplant team in 1995, told an inquiry into Michelle Paul's death that the decision to reject the girl for a transplant was made on medical grounds. Michelle, from Aberdeen, had taken an Ecstacy tablet at a rave and suffered liver failure.

Dr Sanfey, who now works at the University of Virginina. in the United States, said that it would have been totally wrong to make such a decision on moral grounds.

"All we can do is make the best possible judgment. At that time she had irreversible brain damage and would not have been suitable for trans-plant," she told the fatal accident inquiry at Aberdeen Sheriff Court.

Carolann Paul, Michelle's mother, and Margaret Pirie, her grandmother, had previ- ously told the hearing that the decision had been a moral one based on Michelle's use of soft drugs and a family history of drug abuse. Her mother is a former drug addict.

Or Sanfey said she could not understand why the fam-



hours to carry out the "Both sides are right in this inquiry. We had to make a decision about what was right for Michelle, but also for the other people on the list. The family is never going to understand that their daughter is less important than someone

else on the list," she said. The hearing before Sheriff



Dr Sanfey: made refusal

Lighter shade of parking ban

SMALL towns and villages in England and Wales have won the right to replace bright vellow no-parking lines with a gentle shade of primrose (Tim Jones writes). The Department of Transport decision allows local authorities to introduce the more soothing shade to environmentally sensitive

> Instead of the 4in-wide canary-yellow double lines, the delicate primrose replace-ments will be a more discreet are not been replaced just for 2in. In Hampshire, the county

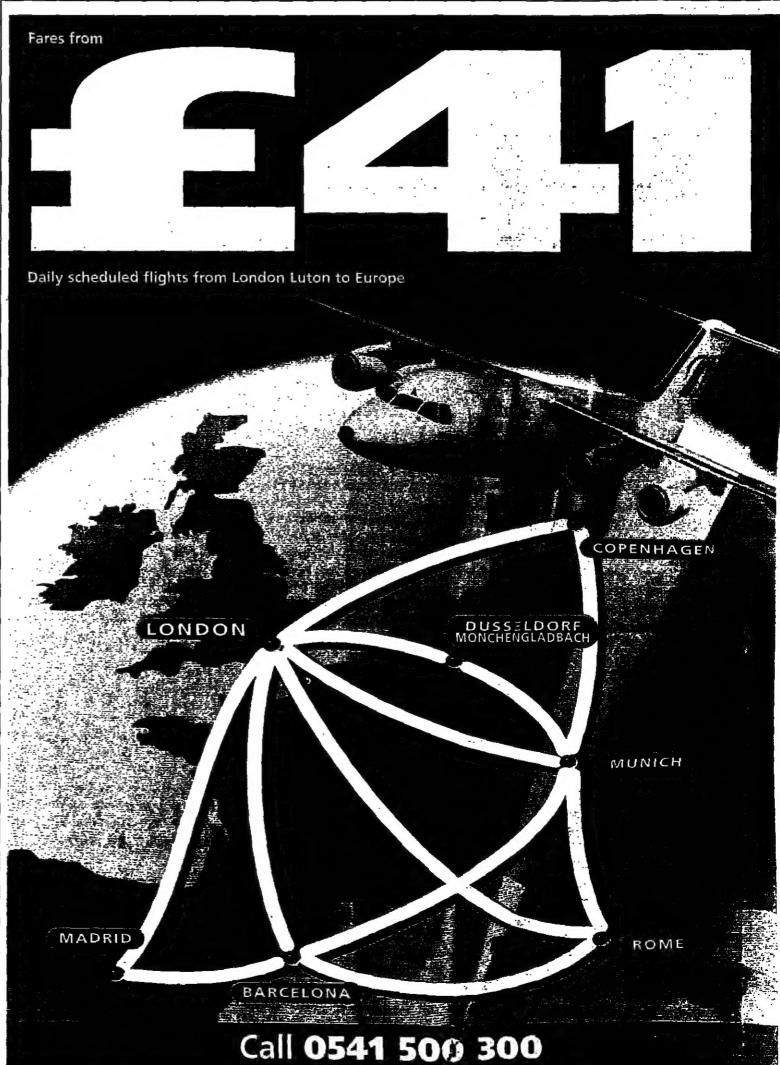
council has already allowed Fareham, Alresford, parts of Winchester and some villages to opt for primrose.

Arnold Browne, Fareham council's engineering officer, said the new lines were designed to be less obtrusive. The bright yellow ones would be replaced only when they they had worn out or been so eroded that people confused them for broken lines which the sake of appearance. If a

line is not damaged, the new lines will only be painted on when the road is resurfaced."

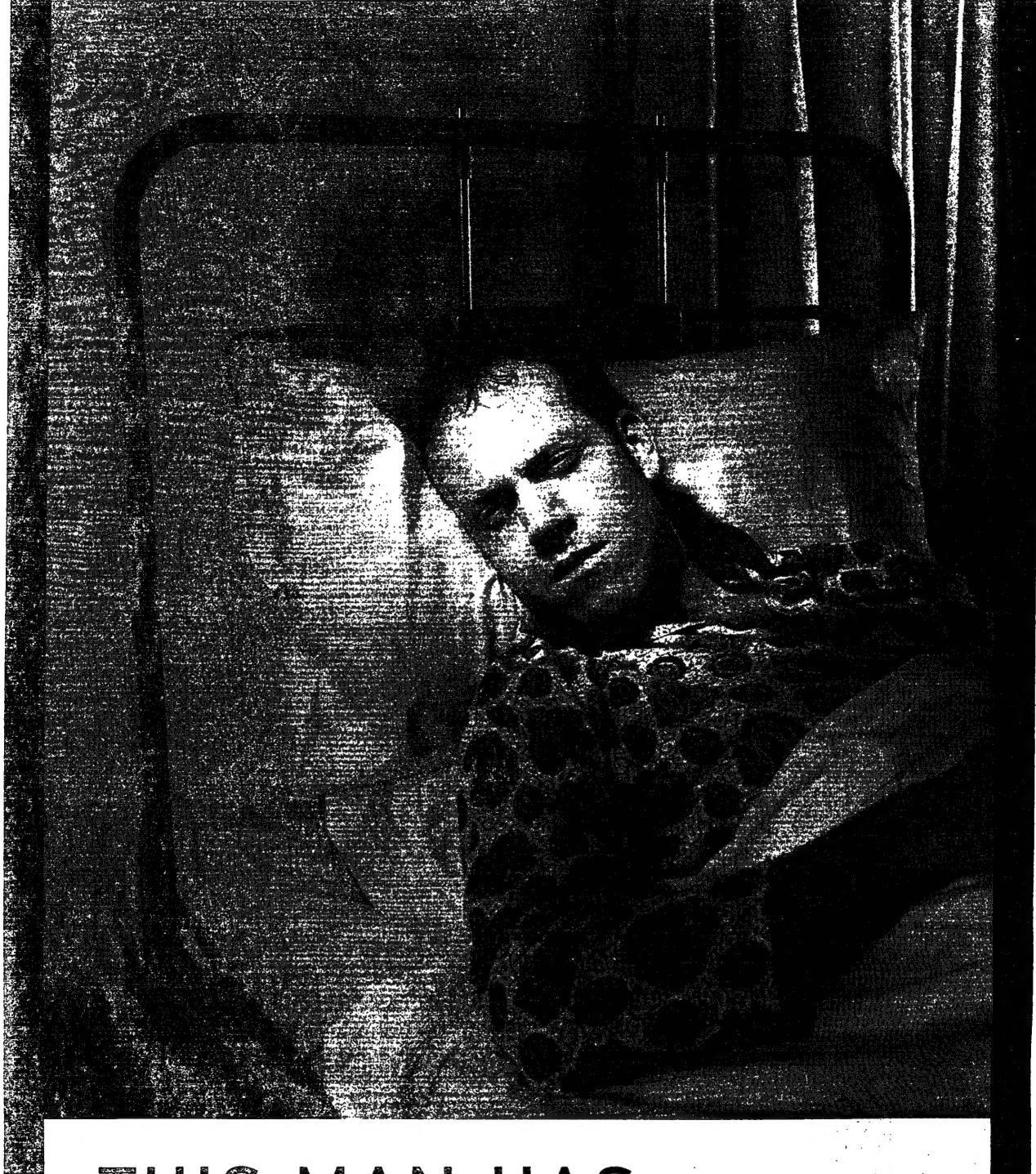
Nick Light, a Hampshire County Council spokesman, said that Portsmouth and Southampton, because they were relatively large cities had decided not to make the change: "Primrose lines might confuse tourists and strangers passing through.

The Council for the Protec tion of Rural England said that the initiative cons minor improvement



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Companion betrayed trust of a grand old lady

The young Margery de Brissac Bernard: tour invitation

Carer faces jail for systematic theft

A FORMER ballerina lived a long and glorious life, founding a school, teaching the children of the powerful and earning the nickname Breezy. But the last years of Margery de Brissac Bernard's life were spent with a care assistant who systematically plundered her life savings.

At the age of 94, the retired headmistress was suffering from failing eyesight and sold her cottage to share the home of her trusted companion, Rosina McCamley. Over two years, McCamley stole £33,820 and, when her employer died, she forged documents showing that the money had been donated to charity.

She might have got away with it, but for the suspicions of a solicitor and Miss de Brissac Bernard's brother, Dudley, who made a dying wish for the "carer" to be investigated. Yesterday McCamley, 55, was facing a jail sentence after being found guilty of theft and forgery by Maidstone Crown Court.

Remanding her in custody for sentencing, Judge Anthony

guilty of one of the meanest offences to come before his court. "A sentence of imprisonment is inevitable and I see no reason why it should not start now. This offence was committed in circumstances where there was a grave breach of trust. The temptation for her to abscond is considerable." Miss de Brissac Bernard

trained as a ballet dance before working for the Admiraity during the First World War, and was once invited to tour with the Royal Ballet. She turned down many offers of marriage, staying faithful to the memory of a naval officer who went down with his ship in the war. She kept his picture at her bedside. In 1950, she founded the

Garden House Preparatory School in Chelsea and taught the children of Lord Home of the Hirsel, the former Conser-vative Prime Minister, and the grandchildren of Sir Winston Churchill. She had a wicked sense of humour. Once, on the London Underground, she saw the father of a Garden House pupil. Turning inno-



The headmistress known for her sense of humour

panion, she boomed across the full carriage: "There goes the father of one of my children." She became ill in 1992.

McCamley, who was employed through an agency, befriended her and, by 1993, Miss de Brissac Bernard had sold her cottage in Frant, near Tunbridge Wells, to move into McCamley's home at Marden,

Miss de Brissac Bernard died in 1994 after a stroke. McCamley tried to account for the missing money by forging giving instructions to transfer sums to charities in anonymous donations. McCamley sent the letter to Miss de Brissae Bernard's London solicitor, Michael White.

Robert Ward, for the prosecution, told the court: "It gave him considerable concern. He knew Miss de Brissac Bernard gave to charity but that was done through standing orders

Mr White, who called in the police, discovered that over 15 months McCamley had been "paid" £40,000, about £22,000 more than an average carer's wage. Bank statements reyealed further withdrawals of £9,820 and two cheques for £1,000 each which McCamley was alleged to have used as a deposit on a car.

After the hearing, Miss de Brissac Bernard's great-nephew. Anthony Prior, said: "I have fullfilled my grandfather's dying wish. He was very close to his sister Margery. and he knew something was not right. On his deathbed he told me to find out what went family has been fighting to prove that this woman be-



Rosina McCamley: tried forgery to cover up thefts

PC stole £7,800 life savings from pensioner

ings of a disabled pensioner he had befriended was sentenced to/ 18 months in prison

PC Trevor Standing, 36, wept as Judge Rivlin told him e was a mean, opportunist providing a positive image to the who had committed a the public. He was at a loss grave breach of trust to explain his actions."

He stumbled upon 79-yearold Margaret Lyons's savings in a pot in the lounge of her home and had taken it all. hiding it in bundles in his loft, order which had developed one of them labelled holiday after being first on the scene maney. Miss Lyons had been when a son had murdered his saving her Civil Service pen-mother and then fatally sion for five years to buy her disabled 92-year-old brother a motorised invalid car. Sou

wark Crown Court was told. John Traversi, for the prosecution, said Standing, a police befriended Miss Lyons after being called to her maisonette in Thornton Heath, south London, four years ago. The two became friends and he

would do her odd jobs. Standing had found her secret hoard while trying to repair her television. He had tripped on the carpet and knocked the pot from the table, revealing bundles of notes in a plastic bag. After taking the money to hide in the loft of his home in Croydon. the constable bought Miss Lyons a second-hand tele-

vision and pretended it was a gift from him. Miss Lyons discovered the theft two days later when she went to get a small amount to repay a loan. "She was worried that no one would believe her because of her age and because she was saying that a policeman was responsible."

Mr Traversi said. Standing denied the offence but then confessed after officers found the bundles of notes in his attic. He told detectives that he had run up large credit

A DEBT-RIDDEN policeman card debts. Mukul Chawla, in mingation, said Standing had distinguished military and had twice been commended. He was seen by his superior officers as being "dedicated, enthusiastic and

The judge accepted that, when he committed the offence. Standing was suffering from post-traumatic stress disstabbed himself.

As he grappled with the into the deep wounds on his wrist. His later efforts to resuscitate him failed.

Judge Rivlin said that, al though £5,770 of Miss Lyons's money had been recovered, he accepted Standing could not afford to repay it all. How-ever, if a further £600 was not handed over within 14 days. he would have to serve a further month in prison.

Miss Lyons said that Stand ing deserved what punishment he was given and hoped he would be pursued by bad luck. "I don't ever want to see him again in my life."



Standing: he hid the cash in bundles in his loft

everybody?



Lecturer seeks cash for 'mental trauma' By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT insufficient evidence to sub-A LECTURER investigated

for writing the words "sexist pig" un a student's essay yesterday began a compensation claim against her college for mental trauma. Valerie Goulden, a former

media studies tutor at Halton College in Widnes, Cheshire, elaims she suffered stress during the inquiry which led her to take voluntary redundancy. Ms Goulden was cleared by the college after it was claimed that she tried to indoctrinate students. She told an industrial tribunal in Liverpool yesterday that the affair had damaged her professional integrity and left her

afraid to return to Widnes. The college began an investigation after one of her students, Steven McIntyre, complained to Martin Jenkins the college principal, that Als Goulden had made him "ashamed to be a man". and "used the course to dictate and indoctrinate her personal views and opinions to try and get out her hatred of men". Mr Jenkins decided there was

stantiate the allegations. During the investigation,

another student, Ben Weston. disclosed that Ms Goulden had handed back one of his essays with the words "sexist pig" written on it. Mr Jenkins said there would be no disciplinary action but he placed Mrs Goulden under monitoring for a full academic year.

Ms Goulden won a sex discrimination case at a tribunal in Liverpool in 1995, after claiming that the monitoring programme had damaged her professional integrity and employment prospects.

Arguing for compensation at a tribunal yesterday, she said: "I expected my symptoms to disappear when I left and for a while I felt manically happy. But soon 1 became reluctant to go out of the house and I started to suffer from flashbacks. I've started taking anti-depressants and have been referred to a psychiatrist. I am always frightened and have panic attacks." The hearing continues.

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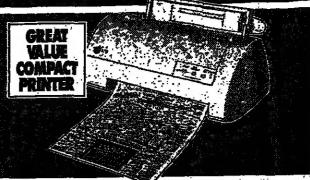
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Father of two dies in Colorado

Speeding skier who hit Briton charged with manslaughter

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A SKIER was charged with manslaughter after he lost control on the slopes and collided with a British beginner, who died of head injuries. Nathan Hall, 18, a ski lift

operator, was skiing dangerously fast on the slopes at Vail. Colorado, witnesses said. He crashed into Alan Cobb. 33. originally from Ipswich.

Mr Cobb was on his fourth day of skiing and had taken to the sport with enthusiasm. He was negotiating a blue leasyl run with his fiancee, Christi Neville, when the accident happened. His skull was fractured and he lost consciousness immediately. He was treated by emergency medical orderlies, but died at the scene. The collision was enough

to kill him fairly quickly," said Donna Barnes, the coroner, She said it was possible that Mr Cobb's head had been struck by a loosened ski. After the collision on April 20. Mr Hall, who suffered

minor injuries, was given a routine test for drugs and alcohol. Mr Cobb, who had two daughters and worked as cabinet maker, moved to Denver, Colorado, eight

months ago from Texas, where he had lived for a number of years. Mr Hall, an experienced

skier who had won several local races, was released on \$15,000 (£9,200) bail after being charged with manslaughter. Colorado has a law designed to prevent fatal ski-

The state's 1979 Skier Safety Act stipulates that "each skier has the duty to maintain control of his speed and course at all times when skiing and to maintain a proper lookout so as to be able to avoid other skiers and objects".

If convicted, Mr Hall faces

two to lo years in prison and a maximum line of \$500,000. His lawyer, Brett Hackman, said that the crash was a terrible accident.

You have a situation where generally speaking. people ski at different rates of speed without criminal culpability," he said. "Where you draw the line between skiing in the way that you ski and skiing in such a way as to raise issues of criminal conduct is obviously a difficult issue." The collision happened at

4.30pm, an hour when many people are making a last, fast dash down the slopes. The easier slopes can be dangerous places to be at that time of day. with experienced skiers weav ing at high speed around slower skiers. The accident happened on Vail's lower Riva Ridge, one of the resort's best-At the time of the accident

visibility was good. Witnesses said that Mr Hall was simply skiing too fast, and apparently without care for other skiers in hís path. Dangerous skiing and skiboarding is an increasing

problem for ski resorts. Vail, like many other resorts, publicises a safety and responsibility code and attempts to prevent the headstrong and insufficiently skilled from creating chaos on the pistes. The onus is normally on the skier higher up the hill to look out for those below. At the time of the accident Mr Hall was coming from above.

Fourteen people have died pistes, nine of them in colli-



Nelson Mandela and the Duchess: he rescheduled cabinet talks to meet her

Duchess in Unicef talks with Mandela

By A Staff Reporter

THE Duchess of Kent walked arm-in-arm with President Mandela yesterday, after they arranged a meeting at short notice during her seven-day tour of South Africa

The Duchess, 64, undertaking the trip on behalf of children's charity Unicef, spent 15 minutes with the President and the Health Minister, Nkosisana Zuma. in Pretoria.

Mr Mandela, who had hastily rescheduled a cabinet meeting, presented the painting. In return, she donated a personal cheque to his charity. The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

The two, who met last year when he visited Britain, then spoke of the work of Unicef in South Africa, and she thanked him for his strong support. The Duchess is on her first main official engagement since the disclosure five months ago that she was suffering from ME. As patron of Unice's UK committee she is to visit Hlatlolanang in Northern Province: Johannesburg: Oliviershoek in Kwazulu-Natal; and Cape

It comes just five months after she was forced to cancel all official engagements because of the onset of ME.

Rise in fur seal numbers threatens **Antarctic**

BY NICK NUTTALL

ROOMING seal populations in Antarctica are threatening some of the world's most unspoilt islands and lakes. scientists said yesterday. Studies indicate that numbers of fur seals in the region are now higher than at any time during the past 6,500 years.

The populations, which have risen sharply since the decline of seal-hunting at the turn of the century, are being linked to a collapse in whale populations in the Southern Ocean, Baleen whales, such as the blue whale, feed on a shrimp-like animal called krill, as do fur seals.

But there are fewer than 10 per cent of the whales left in the region - a legacy of the whaling industry which, since 1922, slaughtered most species to the brink of extinction. Dominic Hodgson, of the British Antarctic Survey in Cam-bridge, said fur seal popular-ions were expanding because they now had "aimost unfettered acress to an unlimited food resource".

Dr Hodgson said there was evidence of serious damage occurring on some islands and on the western Antarctic pen-insula. "This large increase has caused extensive destruction of vegetation, soil erosion and the eutrophication of freshwater lakes on coastlines here the the seals haul out."

The research, published in Nature, is aimed at trying to discover whether the numbers of fur seals in the region are part of a natural cycle or are due to human interference. The researchers analysed lake sediment cores from Signy Island in South Orkney. The sediments contain seal hairs. which act as a record of seal populations over the past 6.500 years. The record show that the numbers visiting the island from the main breeding beaches of South Georgia dropped during the years of commercial seal-hunting. But since 1977 the summer influx has risen sharply.

Darwin theory wins by a short leg

By NIGEL HAWKES

THE evolution of lizards on a group of tiny Caribbean islands has given Dar-

win's evolutionary theories a leg-up. Fourteen years after lizards were introduced to the islands, they were found to have adapted to local conditions in the ways that natural selection would have predicted. Hind legs had become shorter so that they could perch successfully on the islands' thinner plant stems and branches. The more the vegetation differed from the Island where the lizards originated, the shorter their legs became. The study shows how quickly a species can adapt to circumstances. Critics of Darwinism often claim that few such examples have been documented.

In 1977 and 1981, members of the lizard species Anolis sagrei, were taken from the island of Stanley Cay — which has reasonably large trees — and transferred in groups of five or ten to 14 other uninhabited islands where there were no other lizards. Earlier studies by Jonathan Losos, of Washington University in St Louis, had shown that the size of lizards' hind limbs depended on the size of the branches they perched on. Those perching on narrow branches or twigs tended

to be small, with short hind limbs, but on bigger trees the creatures had longer limbs, making them swifter to escape predators.

The assumption was that the move would lead to an evolutionary trend to smaller limbs, and that is exactly what Dr Losos reports in this week's Nature. On the smallest islands, no lizards survived, but on the larger ones they flourished. One island had more than 700. This rate of evolution is hundreds or thousands of times faster than seen in the fossil record, but comparably rapid evolution has been seen in studies of fish moved from their habitat.

Mighty mouse misses gene

By NIGEL HAWKES

MICE with bulging muscles have been created by genetic engineering. The mighty mice, with muscles twice as big as usual, appear healthy and normal in other respects, says Alexandra McPherron, a PhD student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

They were produced by "knocking out" a gene controlling muscle growth. Without entiation factor 8.

The finding could lead to better treatments for some muscle diseases, and raises the possibility of livestock which would yield larger amounts of lean meat.

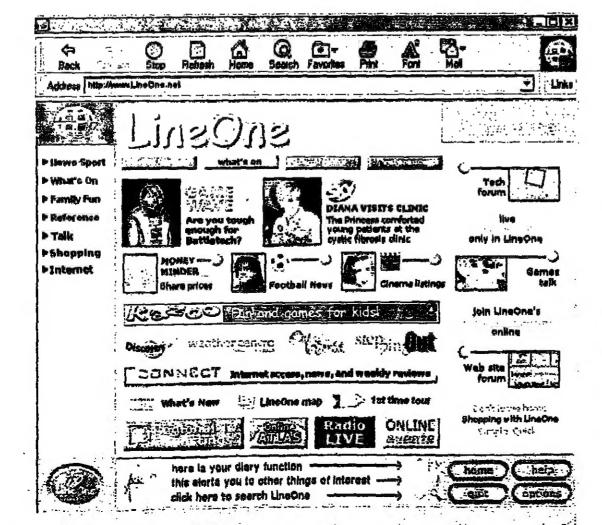
"We're excited that GDF8 could give us new opportunities to treat the many muscle wasting diseases like muscular dystrophy or cachexia, the muscle loss that accompanies some cancers and Aids," said

to make a substance called Se-Jin Lee, a co-author of the study published in Nature. "We've also found GDF8 in cows and chickens, so we might be able to interfere with it to create livestock with more meat and relatively less fat."

The engineered mice are now a year old and can produce healthy offspring. The rights to the discovery have been licensed to MetaMorphix Inc. established by Professor Lee to capitalise on discoveries made at the



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Safety charity calls for ban on mobile phones in cars

THE Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents called yesterday for a ban on the use of mobile telephones in cars after two people died because drivers were making calls at the wheel.

Executives at the charity will press the Department of Transport and police to find ways to end the practice. This could include making it a criminal offence.

The society also wants employers to prevent workers from making calls in the car, even to the extent of finding a locking system which would

AN URGENT programme of

research into possible links

between the use of mobile

telephones and cancer is

being launched after a study

showing mice exposed to typi-

cal radiation from the phones

were twice as likely to get the

disease (lan Murray writes).

The £17 million prog-ramme, drawn up by Euro-

pean Union experts headed

"hand-free" models, from working while the engine was running. The society says that a driver's reaction time can fall by half a second, and research shows that motorists are 30 per cent more likely to crash, when on the phone.

wheel is not an offence and police must prove the driver was not in control of the vehicle while making a call. ery, said: "We are determined to outlaw the use of mobile telephones while motorists are

National Radiological Protec-

tion Board, will look at the

telephones and living tissue.

Scientists in South Austra-

lia found that in 18 months the

rate of cancer almost doubled

among mice exposed to two

30-minute daily doses of radiation at the frequency used for

digital mobile phones. The

Using a mobile phone at the

and a dangerous distraction. Two recent accidents have involved mobile phones. Peter Mill. a 35-year-old marketing executive, faces jail after being convicted of causing death by dangerous driving after being involved in a fatal crash while using his mobile phone, and a mother is planning a civil action against a man fined £250 for careless driving after

the death of her daughter. Dr Gerald Matthews, a reader in psychology at Dundee University, backed the society's call. He said

yesterday that it considered

the cancer risk to human

emitted by the phones could

inevitably that will have an £17m study into cancer links But the AA said that a ban on mobile telephones in cars would be unenforceable and impractical. "We would not by Alistair McKinlay, of the Australian Government said

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Concern was first raised when on the move. last June when research by But a hand-free telephone scientists in the United States is a sensible option and is probably no more distracting than changing a station on the radio or lighting a cigarette." and Australia indicated links to asthma and cancer. It suggested that microwaves

more distracted when on the

phone, particularly if the call

was complex. Motorists were most vulnerable when they felt

safest, such as on straight,

wide roads - and that was the

time when they might decide

He said: "You cannot com-pare a telephone call with

speaking to someone in the

when the driver needs to

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to make a call.

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Roy Reynolds at work in his Louth studio, and his sketch of the face of the dead man washed up on a nearby beach

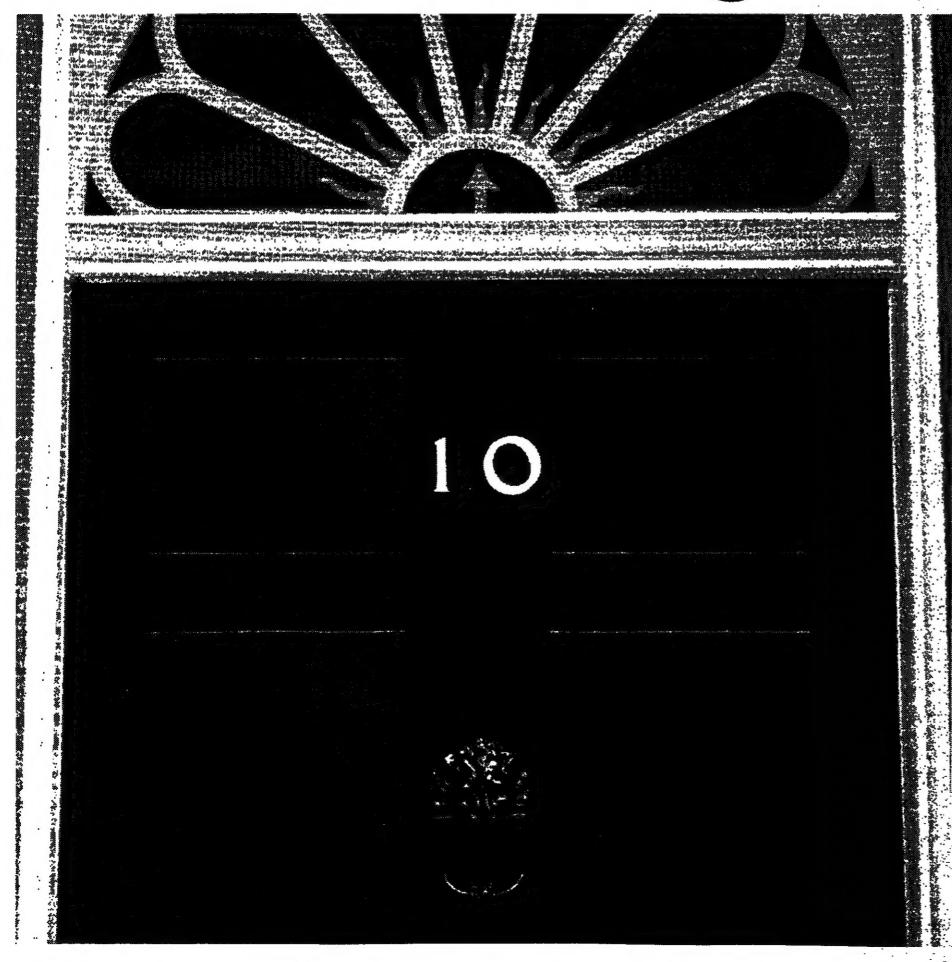


Artist fills in details for police

Lincolnshire coast. Police were unable to circulate photographs of the face because of decomposition. Instead, Roy Reynolds, 67 and

A ROYAL artist whose pedigree stretches back to the 18th-century portrait master Sir Joshua Reynolds is using his skills to help police to identify the body of a man washed up on the identify the body of a man washed up on the identify the man, who is aged between 25 and 35. Mr Reynolds, from Louth, Lincolnshire. has worked before as an artist with police around the country and helped to solve at the great-great-great-great nephew of Sir least one murder. He has also painted the Joshua, has reconstructed the face in a sketch. Duke of Edinburgh and worked on commis-

Guess what time we're open till on election night?



On election night we understand that you've got one more thing to do, which is why we're open till ten. That should give you plenty of time to cast your vote and do the shopping. And, as an added incentive to celebrate all night, Sainsbury's have put Blanc de Noirs Champagne on offer for £9.99, for Thursday only, saving you £2 So whichever way the swingometer is going, all parties should be swinging too. Sainsbur

Campsite fire rules

More than 30,000 holiday-makers booked at one of Britain's biggest seaside camps were told yesterday that it will not open this summer. Four hundred jobs will go at the Barry Island resort on the South Wales coast. Vale of Glamorgan Council this week refused the centre an entertainment licence because of concern over fire safety. The council de-layed a final decision until May 14, but Rick Wright, the owner, said that this left only ten days before the opening date, which was not enough.

RUC fire at thief

Police have arrested an armed robber after opening fire while chasing him across fields. He was spotted with a Dungannon, Co Tyrone. He was captured unburt and a

Railway re-think

Railtrack is to reconsider rules which meant trains continued to run while a body lay between the rails. Lorraine Moore was hit near Billericay, Essex in February. An inquest yesterday record ed an open verdict.

On the tiles

Thieves made a hole in a wineseller's roof to steal 50 cases, mainly Bordeaux and worth about £30,000, in Hallatrow, north Somerset. Simon Wood of Reid Wines said: "Most need ten years to mature before drinking."

Star's new bar

Liz Dawn, who plays the Rovers Return landlady Vera Duckworth in Coronation Street, has taken over the franchise on The Grapes pub in central Manche where the serial is made.

Crippen watch

David Gainsborough Roberts paid £10,350 for a pocket watch belonging to the mur-derer Dr Crippen at Chris-tie's. He said his mother was born near the scene in Camden Town where Crippen murdered his second wife.

Cash cuts 'threaten closes over university standards'

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

UNIVERSITIES will decline in quality if they do not receive more money, a member of Sir Ron Dearing's cross-party re-view of higher education said

David Watson, the Vice-Chancellor of Brighton University, says in a pamphlet that the review would have to produce "remarkable changes" if a serious decline was to be avoided. The combination of budget cuts and more students could no longer be sustained.

Professor Watson, who was a member of the Higher Education Funding Council for England until last year, says that opponents of expan-sion probably wanted a crisis of quality to prove their case. Yesterday he told a seminar

control of higher education: Both students and staff are under remarkable pressure compared to those who experienced the system in the 1970s. . . I think we are looking at a dive in quality if something

radical isn't done soon. "Without the extra £100 million that was put into higher education this year, a majority of institutions would have been in deficit. And the enormous savings expected in two years' time will produce a very serious situation if we don't take action in advance of

Several universities are considering closing departments mances in last year's research essessment exercise, which partly determines funding levels. Brunel University is the latest, with a proposal to drop physics and chemistry due to be considered in July. Essex University has decided to withdraw its chemistry degree and four others are considering closing or merging physics

Professor Watson's parnphlet, co-written with an education researcher, paints a mixed picture of higher education over 18 years. It says the modernisation of universities. widening opportunities to study, has been achieved withstrengths.



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Two men, two moods at journey's end





John Major's last day of campaigning took the visibly exhausted Prime Minister on a visit to Stevenage town centre yesterday while the final day of Tony Blair's election tour included a visit to Stockton-on-Tees

Civility, poise and good grace marked Major's last day on the long campaign trail, writes **Matthew Parris**

"NEVER say die" would have conceded too much - that he knew everything was slipping away. Unspoken, it was John Major's motto for this concluding day.

"You've had it, haven't you!" said a journalist, with all the delicacy of a television professional, to the Prime Minister.

But the fizz was gone. We had started yesterday milling around in Smith Square where the Prime Minister was preparing for the final press conference of his cam-paign. At 10.48am a stretch Mercedes Benz limousine swept up. Six Chinese leapt out and through the doors of

Conservative Central Office. Did they have advance notice of today's result? Had they come to demand their money back? We never

discovered. "If you can keep your head when all around you ..." Lesser spirits would have been lowered, but if his were low, he barely let it show. Chin up, calmly defiant, with a brave smile and a friendly word for those he met. Mr Major threw himself into one last dispiriting day's campaigning as though there was everything still to play for. "You've got to admire him." was a phrase on the lips even of hardened journalists.

The first question at the press conference came from ITN's Michael Brunson. Had Mr Major read an article written by his older sister: "I hate seeing my little brother looking so tired and knowing it's his own side that have done this to him." Everyone laughed because we knew it was true. Mr Major's grin said one thing - and his voice another: he praised his MPs for their support. Anyway (he said to Mr Brunson), "have you got

Determinedly undownhearted, he even pretended to take seriously a question on the composition of his next Cabinet. Then, confronted with a slip of Stephen Dorrell's tongue (the Health Secretary had appeared to question whether Mr Major was physically fit for the next five years, the Prime Minister turned it aside without rancour. attributing his robust good health

ardship of the NHS. That this press conference could change nothing, rendered all the more noteworthy the poise, civility

to Mr Dorrell's "excellent" stew-

and good grace with which the Prime Minister conducted it. He did so with real stature, and with

Neither had deserted Mr Major by the time he reached Wembley Stadium for a tour of an exhibition there, before the World Cup qualifying match to be played last night. One of the stands was giving away free miniature bouncy footballs and Britain's Prime Minister arrived to find a crowd of political journalists bouncing tiny blackand-white balls off the floor; a memorably surreal moment from

an often surreal election campaign. With Norma by his side ("Come on, Normie," he called), he

and shaking hands. Near me was a stall promoting football for FA Cup followers with learning disabilities. Mr Major entered the stall, chatted, inquired and expressed surprise and admiration at their efforts ("just fantastie!") before moving on. One can observe, without belittling the importance of such efforts, that this must have been very difficult for a man at the end of his prem-

plunged into the crowd, smiling

iership and on the brink of defeat to do. "Nice bloke." I heard someone say, sotto voce

This was the real thing. "Go on! Lift it up!" the photographers and TV cameramen began to yell. Mr Major declined. "It's your last day, for heaven's sake!" shouted someone. Mr Major smiled. As he smiled (I was now quite close) I noticed for the first time that he was absolutely exhausted.

"A message for London voters, Prime Minister?" called a journalist. Mr Major paused, shut his eyes and shook his head, chin dropped, with a momentarily exasperated smile that said "Oh, sod

Dancing Blair keeps sense of rhythm as press pack flags

electioneering, Tony Blair bounded across the country yesterday in a performance full of sound, a little fury, and signifying the end of the most gruelling campaign in mod-ern British history.

Every step in Mr Blair's election trail has been carefully choreographed, but yester-day's grand finale was a fulldress operatic production with all the trimmings: two actors, one athlete, a police station, a rugby ground, eight separate uencies, a bit of Scotland and a primary school.

The aim was clear: club the media, with heavy symbolism, into final submission, after 9.168 miles on the road, 64 constituencies. 500 croissants and 1,800 bars of chocolate.

The Labour leader appeared impossibly chirpy at a 7am press conference. His through red eyes. like furtive woodland creatures disturbed in mid-hibernation.

Over the intercom Lou Reed sang "You just keep me hanging on mirroring both the view of the exhausted hacks and the strategy of Mr Blair, hanging on in anticipation of

Eleanor Goodman of Channel 4 News asked a question



Labour's spin-doctors provided endless musical refrains during a frantic finale to campaigning yesterday.

Ben Macintyre found the jingles wearing thin

referring to the "six months of the campaign", then corrected herself to "six weeks, or six years, or whatever it is". We took coffee, in industrial quantities. Mr Blair, as usual,

took nothing for granted. Then "Tigger" Tony was bouncing off on a circuitous last dash to his own constituof Sedgefield, by plane

and helicopter, stopping at Dumfries, Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough, and Trim-don. At each stop Mr Blair made the same announcement — "It's not over till it's over" like a train conductor in a traveller's nightmare.

A team of Scottish women supporters sent up an ululating chorus in the Braveheart tradition as Mr Blair jumped on to a stage in Dock Park, Dumfries, and the pipers played Scotland the Brave. A memorial to the Titanic just a few yards away might once have summoned up memories of another apparently unsinkable vessel, were it not that the Tory craft appears so defini-

tively scuttled already. "I can't make it happen, unless you make it happen," said Mr Blair, after a rousing introduction from actor Richard Wilson who, in familiar Victor Meldrew style, fulmi-nated against the "sleaze-rid-

den, shifty-eyed" Tories.
"Trusting John Major with the future of Britain is like trusting your wife and daughter with Alan Clark," Mr

Wilson suggested.

After a stop in Stockton, the Labour leader climbed on his bus and suddenly, scarily, it seemed the spin-doctors had abandoned us. After weeks of being nannied around the country, we were left bleating and lost. It was a telling sign of how quickly, under the new Blair all-control technique. a culture

station, Helen Mirren, star of Prime Suspect, was on hand to show that Mr Blair will be tough on crime, and tough on the causes of crime.

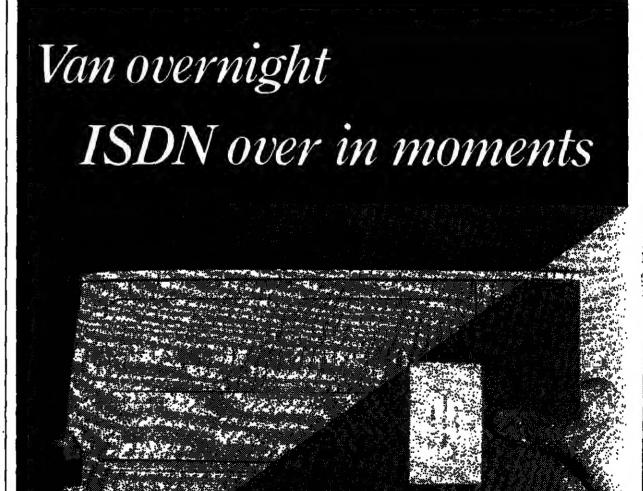
But at Marton Manor School, getting the message across was a trickier proposition. On one side sat about 100 primary school children. On the other were ranged the banks of cameras. Thus the candidate was required to address the schoolchildren, in his special voice for infants. while looking at us. He was heckled, very gent-

ly, by a small claque of babies. The children sang There's no hiding place down there. Jerusalem, and Doing the skeleton stomp. Cherie Blair sang "Bring me my bow of burning gold!" with gusto, and was congratulated by her

"See that ghoul Playing the fool.

Doing the skeleton stomp," the little ones warbled. But then, my mind now attuned to automatic cynicism, I began to wonder. Was the music teacher a spindoctor in disguise? Was the ghoul a reference to John Major, a man with no hiding place? Surely not. Please, not. I have been on this bus too

long. Roll on tomorrow.



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Long Live John Major. His off-the-cuff speech to morning press conference on single currency Low point: Discovery that ministers had broken ranks to oppose single currency, followed by open rebellion within his party.

London by Bangladeshis chanting:

10,000 isited: 60 Hours spent campaigning on the streets: 40

Interviews: 420 Press conferences and ratios: 59 Average working day: 18 hours Opinion poll high: 55% Low: 42%

High point: Unscripted speech to party faithful in Edinburgh when he spelt out his core beliefs and policies without being fazed by the failure of his lanel microphone. Low point: Confusion over Labours devolution policy when comparing a

Scottish parliament to an English

rating: *** Miles travelled: 17,300

isited: 64 streets: 45 Interviews: 200

Average working day: 18.5 hours Opinion poll high: 19% Low: 9% High point (personal): Birth of his grandson, Mathius. (Political): mpromptu speech to hundreds of supporters outside packed rally in

Low point: Having to sit between Lords Jenkins and Steel while they concede Lib-Dems would never achieve power.

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Voters still see Labour as party of high taxation

MORI finds 21 per cent remain undecided, Peter Riddell writes

THREE-FIFTHS of the public still believe that a future Labour government would increase income tax, according to the latest MORI poll for The

The poll, conducted on Tuesday, shows that, despite Labour's very big lead over the Tories, the public has modest expectations of what a Blair government will achieve in office. The drive by Tony Blair to change the Labour Party and of Gordon Brown to eradicate its past tax and spending image have had only a partial impact.

A MORI poll taken in July 1944, just before Mr Blair was elected Lahour leader, showed that no per cent believed a future Labour government would increase income tax. and 19 per cent thought it would not do so. Now, after Labour's specific election pledge not to raise the basic and higher rates of income tax, some us per cent still believe that in government the party would increase income rax, with 19 per cent dissent-ing. The balance is roughly the same among those who have switched to Labour since the

1902 election.

Moreover, more than half the public thinks the party would not help improve their own standard of living, compared with a third who believe it would. These are slightly less favourable ratings than when Mr Blair was elected party leader. But half the

0% INTEREST

If a Labour government is elected after the general election, do you think it will or will not...?

NET FIGURES

"WILL NOT (-) "WILL" (+)

Increase income tax

Improve welfare state services

Give a strong voice to Britain in Europe

Reduce unemployment

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promises and just 35 per cent

believed it would. But more

than three-quarters of those

who have switched to Labour

since 1992 believe it will keep

its promises, with just a tenth

There has also been a shift

in Labour's favour since Mr

Blair became leader on keep-

ing inflation down and being

controlled by the trade unions.

A third of the public now

Inflation down

Base: 757 British adults aged 184

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Be controlled by the trade unions

Help to improve your

third disagreeing.

The public is evenly divided on whether a Labour government would keep its promises. This represents some improvement on when Mr Blair was elected; then 46 per cent thought that a Labour government would not keep its

think that Labour has the best policies for managing the economy, as against a quarter who believe the Tories do. Some 40 per cent of the

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Some 40 per cent of the public think Mr Blair would be the most capable Prime Minister, compared with 23 per cent for John Major. At the start of the campaign, Mr Blair was ahead by 46 per cent to 22 for Mr Major. This is the upposite of the position five years ago when Mr Major was ahead of Neil Kinnock by 38 to 27 per cent.

The poll also suggests that turnout today may be lower than in the 1992 election. Some 71 per cent say they are certain to vote.

This compares with 68 per cent a week ago, but is well down on the 82 per cent saying they were certain to vote in the final MORI poll of the 1992 campaign. Then, actual turnout in Britain was 78 per cent.

Only a half of 18 to 24-yearolds say they are certain to vote today compared with nearly four-lifths of those aged over f.

People in safe Labour seats look less likely to vote than those in marginals. Just three-fifths in Labour seats say they are certain to vote.

Moreover. 21 per cent of those naming a party say they may still change their mind. This is down from 26 per cent in the poll a week ago, but up from 16 per cent in the final poll of the 1992 campaign. Of those who say they may still

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A returning officer outside Britain's oldest polling station in Muchelney Abbey, Somerset. Today's turnout is expected to be lower than in 1992, with some 71 per cent expected to vote compared to 78 per cent five years ago

switch, the split is even between

the other two parties.

The next 24 hours will be just as crucial for the leading political polisters, who have been predicting for weeks that Labour will win the election (Valerie Elliott writes). They got it wrong in 1992. This time it is not just their reputations that are at stake but the future commercial potential of their companies.

MORI interviewed 2,304 adults at 253 sampling points on Tuesday. Interviews were conducted face-to-face and voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (6 per cent), are undecided (6 per cent), or who refused to say (5 per cent).

Vain attempt to escape foregone conclusion

JOHN MAJOR is, at least, going out with dignity — before the recriminations start after lOpn tonight. His final election broadcast, on the BBC's Election Call and yesterday's press conference, probably his last full one as Prime Minister, showed his strengths. The Tories do have a case, on maintaining a competitive economy. But it was not enough, and was probably never going to be enough, regardless of what happened during the campaign.

The decisive events of this election occurred in autumn 1992, when sterling was forced out of the exchange rate mechanism and Tory divisions over Europe became chronic, and in summer 1994, when Tony Blair was elected Labour leader. As a result, the public concluded that the Tories had run out of steam and it was time for change, and that the Blairite Labour Party was

no longer a threat. The only hope for Tory strategists was that Labour divisions would be exposed during the campaign and voters would realise what they had at risk. It has not worked out that way. Mr Major and Brian Mawhinney will no doubt be blamed for failing to authorise this or that advertisement, and for not being Eurosceptic enough. That is unfair but the case is already being marshalled by the ennobled Thatcherite old guard of media advisers. Mistakes have been made, but I doubt if they have made any real difference to the result.



PETER RIDDELL

The Tories' slim hopes

were not fulfilled for three reasons. First, the Tories' divisions over Europe resurfaced with a vengeance as a result of the defiance of the leadership line on a single European currency by so Kenneth Clarke for preventing a decision to rule out membership of a single currency in the next Parliament, as will now occur, is daft. A "save our pound" platform would have railied many fewer Tories than the sceptics believe and would have exacerbated party divisions, further damaging the party's prospects. Europe has been mentioned more often but it is not the decisive issue of the campaign. The Tories would have been better advised to emphasise the economy, and their education and

housing proposals.

Second, Labour and Mr
Blair have fought a nearfaultless campaign. Technically, the party has been a generation ahead of the Tories in its concentration of resources on target seats and voters, in its analysis of shifts in voter opinions and in the presentation of its message. Labour has been more imaginative — for instance, in arranging for Mr Blair to give lectures as well as normal campaign speeches and in highlighting the endorsement of him by entrepreneurs previously hostile to Labour.

The usual dissenters have all toed the line. This has prevented the mistakes that dogged past Labour campaigns. But all this much hyped, and often rather self-important, activity has been secondary to Mr Blair's changes in the strategy and direction of the party.

Third, the Tories were always battling uphill against a time-for-a-change mood. That has neutralised attempts by the Tory party to deploy its strong points and has been evident everywhere I have travelled around Britain. (Great Western is, incidentally, by far the best of the new train franchise operators that I

have used on my journeys.)
And, of course, the whole campaign has been fought against the background of polls pointing, with just one exception, to a Labour land-slide. Nevertheless, my unscientific hunch remains the same as at the start of the campaign: that Labour will have an overall majority of between 50 and 65, though with some surprising con-



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(LUP)
Belfast West - Joe Headron
(SDLP)
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Bottomley (Lib Dem)
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Brigg & Gools - Donald Stewart
(Con)
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Greenwich & Woohelich - Michael
Mitchell (Con) ,
Guillefford - Nick St Aubyn (Con)

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ton South & Finabury - David Berens (Con) Ishayn - Russell Walters (Con)

larrow - Mark Allatt (Con)

Kimamock & Loudoun - Douglas Tatlor (Con) Kingslon & Surbiton - Richard Tracey (Con)
Kingswood - Roger Berry (Lab)
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Moray - No recommendation Lennox-Boyd (Con) Morley & Rothwell -

Neath - Peter Hain (Lab) New Forest East - Julian Lewis (Con) New Forest West - Desmond Swaine (Con)
Newark - Richard Alexander (Con)
Newbury - Richard Benyon (Con)
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Lawrence (Lab)
Preston - Audrey Wise (Lab)
Pudsey - Peter Bone (Con)
Putney - Sir James Goldsmith (Ref) Rayleigh - Dr Michael Clark (Con)
Reading East - John Watts (Con)
Reading West - Martin Salter (Lab)
Redcar - Andrew Isacas (Con)
Redditch - Jacqueline Smith (Lab)
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Saftord - Elliott Bishop (Con)
Sallsbury - Robert Key (Con)
Scarborough & Whitby - John
Syles (Con)
Scunthorpe - Martyn Fisher (Con)
Sedgefield - No recommendation
Setby - Ken Hind (Con)
Sevenoaks - Michael Fallon (Con)
Sheffield Atterchiffe - Brendan
Doyle (Con) Dovie (Con) Sheffield Brightside - David Blunkett (Lab) Sheffjeld Central - Martin Hess (Con) Sheffield Hallem - No recommend-

alion Sheffield Heeley - Bill Michie (Lab) Sheffield Hillaborough - David Nuttall (Con)
Sherwood - Roland Spancer (Con)
Shipley - Sir Marcus Fox (Con)
Shrewsbury & Atcham - No recommendation
Shropshire North - Owen Patterson (Con) Sittingbourne & Sheppey - Sir Roger Moate (Con) Skipton & Ripon - No recommend-

ation Sleaford & North Hykeham - No recommendation
Slough - No recommendation
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Somerton & Frome - David Heale

(Lib Dem) South Holland & The Deepings -John Lewis (Lab) South Shields - Mark Hoban (Con) Southampton Itchen - Peter Fleet (Con) Southempton Test - Alan Whitehead (Lab) Southend West - David Amesa (Con) Southport - Matthew Banks (Con) Southwark North & Bermondsey

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ory (Con) Stroud - Roger Knapman (Con) Suffolk Central & Ipswich North -Michael Lord (Con) Suffoik Coastal - Mark Campbel (Con) Suffolk South - No recommendation Sutfolk West - No recommenda-Sunderland North - Bill Surrey Heath - Nick Hawkins (Con)
Surrey South West - Neil Sherlock
(Lib Dem)
Sussex Mid - No recommendation

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Tamworth - No recommendation Tatton - Martin Bell (Independent) Taumton - Jackie Ballard (Lifo Dem) Tayside North - Bill Walker (Con)

(Con) Thurrock - Andrew Rosindell (Con) Browning (Con) Tonbridge & Malling - No recom-

mendation
Toothing - James Hutchings (Con)
Torbay - Rupert Allason (Con)
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Tothee - Anthony Steen (Con) (Con) **Tunbridge Wells** - Archie Norman

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Twooddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale No recommendation
Twickenham - Toby Jessel (Con) Tyrone West - William Thompson

Ulster Mid - Wilham McCrea (DUP)

(Con) Upper Bann - David Trimble (UUP) Uxbridge - No recommendation Vale of Clwyd - David Edwards

(Con) Yale of Glamorgan - Walter Sweeney (Con)
Vale of York - Charles Hall (Lib. Dem) Vauduali - Kate Hoey (Lab)

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West Bromwich West - Betty Boothroyd (Speaker)
West Ham - Mark MacGregor

(Con) Westbury - David Faber (Con) tion Westmorland & Lonsdale - Tim

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(Con) Wolverhampton North East - Ken Wolverhampton South East - Wil ham Hanbury (Con)
Wolverhampton South West -Nick Budgen (Con) Woodspring - Dr Liam Fox (Con) Worcester - Nicholas Bourne

mendation Worcestershire West - Michael Spicer (Con) Workington - Richard Slunden

(Con)
Worsley - Terry Lewis (Lab)
Worthing East & Shoreham - Tom
Loughton (Con)
Worthing West - Christopher Hare Wrekin, The - Peter Bruinvels

(Con) Wrexham - Stuarl Andrew (Con) Wycombe · Paul Bensilum (Lib Wyre Forest - Anthony Coombs (Con) Wythenshawe & Sale East - Paul Fleming (Con)

Yeovil - Nicholas Cambrook (Con) Ynys Mon - No recommendation York, City of - Simon Mallett (Con)



Europe is the one big issue

The names we print on this page are, in our judgment, the men and women who most deserve your vote. The Times believes the most important issue at this election is Europe and, in almost every constituency, the wisest vote is one cast for a candidate who

will make the Commons more sceptical. With two exceptions, we have resisted the tempration to endorse Referendum or United Kingdom Independence Party candidates. Aside from-Sir George Gardiner and Sir James Goldsmith we have endorsed only candidates from parties likely to be in the next Parliament.

Although the Conservative Party is, as a body, more sceptical than Labour or the Liberal Democrats The Times is not giving a blanket endorsement to Conservatives: Far from it. Our first preference is for Labour Eurosceptics. The greater their number, the more difficult it will be for a Blair government to embrace integration. Our next preference is for Conservative Eurosceptics. The more sceptical the Tory party becomes, as a movement, the more difficult it will be for

any government to move to closer union. Our preferences thus lead us to endorse the opponents to several Conservatives. In some cases, the Tory is a genuine sceptic who would otherwise deserve support but in The Times's judgment Labour sceptics are more valuable.

In Vauxhall, for example, Kate Hoey is our choice, even though the Tory candidate Richard Bacon has convinced our researchers of his sceptical credentials. Mr Bacon had been classified in Monday's Times as a Europhile but he is one of several Conservatives who have subsequently clarified their position on Europe We, in turn, have amended our lists.

the European Movement in the past but has recently shown himself a principled opponent of integration. He receives The Times's enthusiastic support. In some seats, where the Tory candi-

to the satisfaction of our research team. Tom Sackville, the Home Office Minister standing in Bolton West, was also wrongly classified as pro-European on Monday. Mr Sackville was a member of

date is conspicuously Europhile we have

better to nudge the Tory party as a whole in a scentical direction. In other seats different criteria have applied, explained in past editorials. The

actively endorsed their opponent, the

Times has argued that voters should support Joe Hendron to deny Gerry Adams, and the IRA, a propaganda victory. We support the Labour Europhile Tam Dalyell because of his opposition to devolution and deny our support to the Tory sceptic Neil Hamilton because he has lost our trust. As we argued on Monday, just as The

Times makes exceptions to its Eurosceptic rule, so might sceptical readers. Adrian Rogers in Exeter and Jeremy Corbyn in Islington North are both staunch opponents of a single currency. Mr Rogers's views on homosexuality and Mr Corbyn's suppport for Irish republicanism may, however, lead some sceptics to withold their support. Where no candidate has a sufficiently

clear, principled, position on Europe, as in Sedgefield or Huntingdon, we have made no recommendation.

Edinburgh South - Elizabeth Smith (Con) Edinburgi: West - No recommend-Edmonton - Dr lan Twinn (Con) Ellesmere Port & Neston - Ly Lynn Turnbulf (Con) Elmet - Colin Burgon (Lab) Estings - No recommendation Enfield North - Mark Field (Con) Enfield Southgate - Michael Portillo

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Falkirk East - Michael Connarty (Lab) Falkirk West - Dennis Cenavan (Lab) Falmouth & Camborne - No recommendation Fareham - Sir Peter Lloyd (Con) Faversham & Kent Mid - Alan Stewart (Lib Dem) Feltham & Heston - No racommendation Fermanagh & South Tyrons - Ken Maginnis (UUP) Fife Central - Jacob Rees-Mogg (Con) Fite North East - Adam Bruce (Con) Fluchley & Golders Green - John Marshall (Con) Folkestone & Hythe - Michael

(Con) Foyle - William Hay (DUP) Pylde - No recommendation Gainsborough - Edward Leigh

Harrogate & Knaresborough Norman Lemont (Con) Harrow East - Tony McNuity (Lab) Harrow West - Gareth Thomas (Lab) Hartlepcol - Michael Horsley (Con) Harwich - lain Sproat (Con) Hastings & Rye - Michael Foster (Lab) Havant - David Witletts (Con) Hayes & Harlington - No recom-Hazel Grove - No recommendation

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Philip Booth (Con)
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Huddersfield - Bill Forrow (Con)
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litord North - Vivian Bendall (Con) (tford South - Sir Neil Thome (Con)

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Leigh - Ed Young (Con) Leominster - Terence James (Lib Dem) Lewisham Deptford - No racom-Leyton & Wanstead - Harry Cohen (Lab) Lichtield - Michael Fabricant (Con) Lincoin - No recommendation Liniithgow - Tam Dalyeli (Lab) Liverpool Garston - No rec mendation

Liverpool West Derby - Neil Mor-gan (Con) Livingstog - Robin Cook (Lab) Lianelli - Denzil Davies (Lab) Londonderry East - William Ross

Loughborough - Kenneth Andrew (Con) Louth & Horncastle - Sir Peter Tapsell (Con) Ludlow - Christopher Gill (Con) Luton North - David Senior (Con)

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Paistey North - Irane Adams (Lab) Paistey South - No recommenda bon Pendie - Gordon Prentice (Lab) Penrith & The Border - David Machagn (Con) Perth - John Godfrey (Con)

The Times's step-by-step guide to the critical election results — and where to hear and see them

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Key seats for couch potatoes

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POLITICAL obsessives and insomniacs will find plenty to keep them interested until well past 3am but for those who want to go to bed earlier the outcome should become clear long before that.

10pm

The ballot boxes are closed and the exit polls are unveiled. Five years ago the exit polls, based on interview with voters as they leave polling stations, underestimated the Tory lead, though by much less than the final newsjected a hung parliament for a long time before this was contradicted by the real results. Much time and effort has gone into setting the exit polls right this time.

There will be an hour or two

hefore anything of real importance happens, which will be filled with talking heads, campaign retrospectives and the like.

Results from some rural and be later than usual because county council elections are also being held today and different ballot appers will have to be sorted out.

11pm -

Sunderland South and Sunder land North fight it out to be first to declare. Watch for possible record held by Billericay with a 57-minute count in 1959. Both safe Labour so rumout could be the best guide to

[1.45: Torbay where Liberal Democrats hope to unseat Tory spy writer Rupert Allason. Tories are in serious trouble in the South West if they lose Torbay to the Liberal Democrats who could see the start of a breakthrough.

MIDNIGHT

Time for coffee and waking-up for the first rush of important results. Birmingham Edgbaston should be the first marginal to declare, giving a first indication of the likely picture of the overall result. If Labour wins this seat it is heading for a Commons majority. Labour must win Norwich North



his old seat of Reigate for the Referendum Party, and the first likely Labour cubinet ministers should also be elected: Donald Dewar in Glasgow Anniesland, Clare Shori in Birmingham Ladywood and George Robertson

12.15: Tories will be worried if they lose Portsmouth South to the Liberal Democrats. The Conser-Hancock, a former MP for the seat, by just 242 votes last time.

12.30: By now the result should start to get clearer with more than 50 seats declared. Rochdale and Oldham East and Saddleworth, both held by the Liberal Democrais, are needed by Labour for an overall majority. If Nick Budgen holds on in Wolverhampton South West the overall result may be close. Battersea will show whether Labour is heading for a small overall majority if John Bowis, Minister for Transport in London, is defeated. If he holds on,

James Goldsmith dents David Mellor's share of the vote. The Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, should be returned in West Bromwich West where she is unchallenged by the major parties. lack Straw should win Blackborn. Labour and Conservative strategists Peter Mandelson and David Willetts will be able to return to London when they win in Hartlepool and Havant respectively.

there could be a hung parliament. Labour could take Putney if Sir

lam,

Peter Riddell and Mark Henderson pick out the

telling moments in the final election countdown

see some big names winning and losing. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is defending a water-thin majority in Stirling. Glenda Jackson should win the allwoman contest in Hampstead and Highgale. Alan Clark's return from the

plete when he wins Kensington and Chelsea, the safest Tory seat

in the land. New Labour image-maker Bar-bara Follett, wife of novelist Ken. hopes to win the key marginal of Stevenage. Gloucester would give Labour an overall majority of one if there is a uniform swing. If Labour captures both Bury North and Gloucester it will be

sure of an overall Commons majority. If it wins Luton North, it will have a big enough majority to last a full parliament without any I.I5: Paddy Ashdown can go back to London when his seat Yeavil

declares. Liberal Democrats will feel confident of returning with more MPs if they win Southport. Dame Angela Rumbold, the Tory vice-chairman who came out against a single currency, is a likely loser in Mitcham and Mordon.

1.30: Several ministers are likely to fall if Tories are heading for defeat: Philip Oppenheim, Sir Derek Spencer and Greg Knight. The defining seat of 1992, Basil-don, is likely to go to Lubour this

Further Labour wins in Milton Keynes South West, Stockton South and Brighton Pavilion would indicate a small overall majority.

In Yorkshire, Norman Lamont faces a strong Liberal Democrat challenge in Harrogate and Knaresborough, and the strength of New Labour in the party's heartland will be tested in Pontefract and Castleford, where Gordon Brown's former economics The only MP already elected in 1997. Labour's Ben Chapman,

1.45: Sedgefield will declare for Tony Blair, and Sir Edward Heath should continue as Father of the House with victory in Old Bexley

The Liberal Democrats have high hopes of winning Hazel Grove, and Worcester woman may go to Labour for the first time.

2am, +...

The result should be clear within a few seats. The list of Tory casualties could be very long by now with more Cabinet ministers at risk: Malcolm Rifkind and Jan Lang, and even William Walde-grave, Gillian Shephard and Michael Portillo if the Tories are doing very badly.

Watch out for Tory sceptics start ing to claim Conservative leader-ship and John Major for defeat. may start staking out their positions.

If the Tories lose Dartford and Ealing North, Labour should have a sizeable working majority. The seat which has attracted more column inches in the campaign that any other, Tatton, will declare either for Neil Hamilton or Martin Bell. Several cabinet ministers face

stem tests, particularly Makcolm Rifkind in Edinburgh Pentlands and Ion Lang in Galloway and Upper Nithsdale, which could go Even Michael Portillo's Enfleid Soutgate could be vulnerable to a



Fory Or Adrian Rogers faces the gay BBC journalist Ben Bradshaw, for Labour, while Runrig singer Donnie Munro hopes to win Ross, Skye and Inverness West for Labour from heavyweight Liberal

The former Countdown presenter hold on to City of Chester, and Claire Ward, 24, could be youngest MP of the next parliament if she

Gordon Brown should have little trouble in Dunfermline East, and John Prescott should increase his majority in Hull East

2.15: Hestings and Rye could be close three ways. The Liberal Democrats were second last time, but Labour has made strides in council elections

2.30: Weathervane seat Gravesham, which has always elected an MP from the governing party, is expected to deliver a narrow Labour majority. Walter Sweeney will lose the most marginal seat in the country, Vale of Glamorgan, if just ten voters

inge sides. Old Labour will find its Commons place when Ken Livingstone's Brent East and Dennis Skinner's

Michael Howard should win Polkestone and Hythe, and Brian Mawhinney should be safe in his new seat of Cambridgeshire

any longer as the flow of results starts to slow down to a trickle Any Liberal Democrat gains are likely to be around now. Tabloid target Jerry Hayes needs a

miracle to hold off Labour in Harlow, and David Evans, the Tory loudmouth with taxi-driver views, could lose Welwyn Hatfield,

man, should hold Tunbridge Wells for the Tories comfortably, and Beaconsfield should stay blue after the departure of the cash-for-Smith.
The Liberal Democrats have a

3.30: Christchurch, the Liberal Democrats' most speciacular by-election success, should be recaptured by former roads minister Christopher Chope, but it could be

Sebastian Coe faces defear in Falmouth and Cambourne, targeted by both the Liberal Demo-crats and Labour.



The Eurosceptic rottweller David Labour, but John Redwood should safely re-elected in

John Major should be re-elected with a big majority in Husting-don. Party leaders will make concessions of defeat and claims of John Major is likely to be the last of

the party leaders to be elected. The Liberal Democrats have high hopes of taking Oxford West and The Conservatives look like losing

their only Asian MP, Ninj Deva, in Brentford and Isleworth

Stephen Dorrell should have no.

SCREEN TEST

THE battle for election viewers will begin at 9.55pm pete to boast the fastest and most sophisticated coverage to date (Alexandra Fream and Carol Midgley write). The BBC claims it will

deliver the most thorough coverage with the longest programme in its 75-year history - 7 hours 47 minutes - using 80 outside broadcast units at a cost of £2.5 million. David Dimbleby, Jeremy Paxman and Peter Snow will head the team in a programme which will include state of the art graphics and a virtu-

al reality swingometer. The results of its exit poll of 16,000 people will be revealed immediately. The programme ends at 5.52am. ITV is promising to be the. fastest to deliver results. Unlike the BBC, it will not

wait until the returning Jonathan Dimbleby will front Election '97 with use a studio audience and virtual reality House of Commons to illustrate the

results. It will stay on air.

Sky News also promises

instant results from 10pm Nick Pollard, head of news, said Sky was aiming to provide the fastest access.

The non-election alternafives on mainstream tele-There is a 90-minute break between the publication of the BBC's exit poll at 10pm and the expected announcement of the first real result at 11.30pm.

Unfortunately the two mainstream channels which have declared themselves election-free zones for the night, Channels 4 and 5, have not tailored their schedules accordingly. Channel 5 has sheduled a film, Madhouse, starring Kirstie Alley, at 9pm. Chan-

nel 4 has an ambitious movie triple bill starting at 9pm with the Robbie Coltrane comedy The Pope Mast. Die, followed at 10.55pm by Maximum Overdrive, and at 12.40 by Pulp. BBC2 features Election

Night Armistice, an "alternative" results programme where Valerie Singleton will be illustrating the incoming election returns with the help of a bouncy House of Commons.

Only Radios I and 3 offer

SOUND BITES

ANYONE looking for an 6am. The presenter is James escape route from the night's election coverage on radio would be well advised election-free zones. Between to bring in Swampy, but even a tunnel dug out of the Anne Hobbs will be playing main election studio is likely music on Radio 1 while the to come up in another one

consists of Jimmy Young doven of radio presenters.

diverse joys of Rach-maninov and Andy Shepppumping out the same re-sults (Peter Barnard writes). The night's oddest couple ard's jazz will be heard on Radio 3: Even Classic FM has an election programme starting at lipm.

and John Cole former BBC. But The best times to time political editor, who will in to Naughtie and Cr will host nearly five hours of be just after form when the election results and smaller exit pells spoil everything on Radio 2 from 10 30 pm.

That is a mere bagained when key marginals will compared with radio's main declare and in the hour after

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A glance across the Channel could decide floating voters

EUROPHILES! Are you still dithering about which way to vote? Then track down yesterday's edition of the French daily Libération, and ask yourself this: do you really want still closer integration with a country that is taking the British general election even more seriously than Peter Mandelson?

Yesterday's Liberation devoted 34 of its 40 pages to the British general election and to the culture that has made Britain the world's swinging hotspot once again (Dennis Skinner and Nicholas Budgen excepted, of course). French newspapers and magazines must always be looking for an excuse to avoid putting Johnny Halliday, the nation's only lasting star, on the front cover yet again. But is the dullest ever British election campaign really the right cuckoo to

It's not as if the French don't have a perfectly good election of their own to get prolix about. But maybe if Jean-Marie Le Pen is your shinicst political star, you have a big incentive to go looking elsewhere for political illumination. This might be why, in contrast to its extended British coverage, the left-wing daily spent only four pages on its own domestic election race.

Libération's assault on London is part of a wider French fascination with the British and our election. As Yolaine de la Bigne, a commentator for the France Info radio station, puts it, the British are an enigma: "By day, they are very well behaved in their bowler hats. By night, they go mad!"

The French are taking our election even more seriously than Peter Mandelson, with one left-wing paper running a 34-page report. But if they think ours is so interesting, Joe Joseph asks, what must their own be like?

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the British, presumably because they've been far too busy plaiting their onions.

Tomorrow the left wins" declared Liberation's front page triumphantly

possibly hoping to catch readers still feel passionately about socialist ideas, but where the Left is currently as politically lively as François Mit-terrand — before adding in rather smaller letters underneath. "in Great

Britain, the newspaper says right across the top of page two, "appears to have turned the page of Conservatism", although at the bottom of the page it is also careful to explain that the Thatcher heritage has been em-braced by New Labour. It even recounts the hoary story of Tony Blair and the man washing his Ford Sierra. Libération's editor Laurent Joffrin

says that: "If Blair succeeds in power. we will have hope." But confusingly. in his editorial, he is sniffy about the so-called successes of the Thatcherism that his new-found saviour has apparently embraced. Joffrin says that British productivity

"is always 10 per cent below that of France". He adds that 15 years of "triumphant Thatcherism produced an average growth rate of just over 2 per cent, while 14 years of disastrous (as we say) socialism delivered a

Libération's graphics department has been let loose on page four, turning Blair's and John Major's journeys to Downing Street into a metro map. Each party leader is given his own station — Blair Way and 'Major Circus' - and their routes in 1953 and Major's in Worcester Park ten years earlier all the way to Number 10, with brief stops at interchanges to pick up extra passen-gers — Cherie and Norma,

growth rate of ... just over 2 per cent."

respectively.
Editorials from The Times, the Financial Times and The Independent are reproduced before the newspaper lurches northwards, the better to educate its French readers on Scottish devolution and the trap it poses for Blair ("He is promisi them a parliament, but Scotland dreams of independence").

schools ('a factory for the elite').
emplaining how Blair and new Labour have "abandoned the crusade against selection", is followed by pages of domestic British news about new alcoholic milkshakes, the possibility of dogs catching "mad cow disease", a few domestic crime stories, an article despairing at the state of Britain's national health service, and another despairing at the state of Britain's public transport network.

Then comes news of British fashion, restaurants, banks, an article on how Liverpool is at the bottom of the economic heap. The sports pages?
British. The arts pages go AngloFrench by discussing the British
offensive at the Cannes Film Festival. For the media page, Libération's man decamped to "Basildon, the town which votes like The Sun" to take the pulse of Essex Man. The back page has an interview with Nick Hornby, "new-lad" author of Fever

Pity those poor Britons who fled to France precisely to escape all this, checked into their hotel room and then opened their newspaper to choose a movie only to discover that even Libération's going-out guide is There can only be one explanation

Libération is preparing readers for the day when everyone in the European Union will vote in each other's elections. So if you ever start seeing Johnny Halliday on the front of The Times, start worrying.

Additional reporting by Adam Sage



Suddenly all the world is Eurosceptic

By Peter Foster and Mark Henderson

THE TIMES'S decision to Hampstead and Highgate, hack Eurosceptics, whatever their party allegiance, has produced some speciacular political aerobatics from dozens of Tory candidates suddenly desperate to stand up to

From the moment the list of lished on Monday morning the telephones on the The Times election desk were lizzing with testy candidates and their agents pleading newfound Eurosceptic credentials. Philip Oppenheim, the Treasury Minister moved to

telephone The Times in per-



Gibson: says Times to blame if she loses

son, was first in line. "I'm most surprised you haven't included me in your list of Eurosceptics," said the well lacquered old Harrovian who will need divine intervention to hold Amber Valley today. "I've always opposed a single

However, two weeks ago. when The Times was tracking ministerial rebels against John Major's waitand see policy, Mr Oppenheim was less forthcoming: Philip is totally loval to John Major. He supports negotiate and decide." his agent had

Elizabeth Gibson, standing against Glenda Jackson in

went so far as to accuse The Times of sabotaging her campaign. I'm not a Europhile. and ('m only up against a small majority," she said. "If I lose, you'll have had a hand in

And so the calls continued at a fearful rate, jamming the switchboard. "I've got another one here." gasped a weary operator. It was Peter Butler on his mobile telephone from a doorstep in his Milton Keynes constituency. "This is a scandal, you could cost me the election," he furned, "You just tell them to put me on that list. I'm a Eurosceptic, always have been.'

Despite a more charming approach from his agent, Mr Butler's ill-mannered protestations fell on stony ground. He is opposed by a Labour Eurosceptic and, under The Times leading article rules of engagement. he is not eligible for endorsement. Another candidate took dir-

ect action. Richard Bacon. standing in Vauxhall, boarded his battle-taxi, decked out in full campaign colours, and high-tailed it down to the News International Plant at Wapping in east London to "doorstep" The Times. "I'm a Eurosceptic, and you've endorsed my opponent," Mr Bacon said, brandishing a rolled-up copy of his campaign newspaper The Bacon. Mr Bacon also faces a
Eurosceptic Labour candidate, Kate Hoey.
The rush to get on The
Times list even drove some

candidates to tell shameful tales about their colleagues: "You can't endorse Alun Cairns in Gower," whined one desperate Tory, "He's not a Eurosceptic at all!"

At least one candidate left his sceptical credentials in no doubt. The fax whirred with a message from Michael Colvin. candidate for Romsey: "Where I stand on Europe: No Surren-

ELECTION ON THE INTERNET

The Internet edition of The Times (http://www.the-times.co.uk) will carry all constituency results, updated within minutes of each announcement, as well as the full service of articles and ontnion from the newspaper's final 4.30 am edition. Its News Update section will show the latest state of the parties throughout Friday.



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Cold front evaporates as Kinnocks breeze in



'I would have liked to have won, but I don't regret that the party is now being led by a young man of vision,' Neil Kinnock tells **Damian Whitworth**

NEIL KINNOCK hung his head and screwed up his face in anguish. "This is tormenting me," he moaned. But on a sunny day in a South Wales garden it was not the vividness of his memory that was haunting him but his forgetfulness.

Before a spot of campaigning in the Tory marginal of Chepstow yesterday he was taking a coffee break and chatting about music with party workers and struggling to remember the name of a local composer. Five years ago on the eve of the last election he stood on the threshold of power, his mind consumed by

thoughts of Downing Street. With his busy life as the European Transport Commissioner Mr Kinnock hardly has time to be eaten up by bitterness, and anyway he is too

But there are certain things that he doesn't easily forget. Over the coffee, before I had uttered a word to Mr Kinnock, Glenys recalled that she had been displeased about an arti-cle I had contributed to The Times diary revealing their son Stephen's engagement. "But we'll forget about that," she said in her usual charming, diplomatic way, "No we won't, he's a shit," said Nell

simply and turned away. This rather took me by surprise and I sensed that the day might not be so sunny after all. As the Kinnocks swept through Chepstow town centre with the local candidate Huw Edwards everyone seemed to want to shake their hands. And although a cold front was moving in my direction from party workers Mr Kinnock was beginning to



thaw. Under a war memorial bearing the inscription "They glory", he explained that he was not bitter. "Certainly we are going to win, but obviously we are not complacent. I would have liked to have won, but I don't regret in any way that the party is now being led by a young man of ability and

ion," he said. Tony wrote a letter to me on the day that the election was declared saying if we make it it will be a tribute to your work'. That was a lovely.

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generous thing to do." Somebody else pointed out that on the eve of the last election it was similarly beautiful weather and he had said: "The sun is out and so are the Tories." He then said: "There are some words that I am glad to revisit but I don't think I'll repeat my weather forecast."

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Then came an extraordinary disclosure. "Weather is part of my portfolio," he said as he skipped off to press more flesh. The mind boggled. Was he planning regulation weather across the Continent?

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The party adjourned to The Star in the picturesque village tory I offered to buy him a pint. "No, no I'll get them," he replied disarmingly before ex-plaining that his weather reponsibilities mainly involved the funding

meteorologicial research. "I'm added, but despite visions of him sporting a huge beard and a trident I couldn't cross examine Old Father Kinnock any further because we were getting on so well by now that he was cracking jokes."What do you call a train that goes straight past when you've been waiting for half an hour?" he asked. I confessed I didn't know. "Thomas the Bastardi" he roared.

Tomorrow he will go to Islwyn, his former constituency where he still has a house, to vote and then back to London to participate in the BBC's coverage of the election results.

"Thank you, for all your help," I said as we parted, "No problem, anytime," he replied with a cheery wave.

Moaning Major has still not got media message

ONE of this campaign's defining moments arrived seven minutes into Election Call on BBC I and Radio 4 yesterday when Margaret Curtis rang up John Major to say that the Conservatives were going to lose and that it was their own fault. The point being that Mrs Curtis is a Tory supporter

"We're going to lose to-morrow, John, because we have not woken up in time to the fact that the goalposts have moved and the Labour Party has (become) a different animal ... we've failed to get our message across ... we have failed from Central Office right

the way through."

The blame "ultimately has to rest at your door, she told Mr Major. This was damning confirmation from the Tory grassroots of

what neutral observers have been saying for weeks. How would he respond? His core answer came after another related ques-

tion and an interjection from Peter Sissons, the presenter, who said that, if the answer to getting the message across was to steal some of Labour's presentational clothes, then surely the Prime Minister "had a duty to do so?"

Something seemed to snap in Mr Major. Outwardly he remained calm. but we were about to discover that the plight of the Tory party was not of its own making. It was all got up by the media.

I quote Mr Major, not selectively, but in full: "The message is filtered through whatever happens to be the nessage of the day. I may speak at length about the but, if that happens not to be on the agenda of the media, you hear very little about it.

"You hear about the squabble of the day, the disagreement of the day. the gaffe of the day, but the details of how I propose to improve education, you can't encapsulate those things in a soundbite. I might make a 40-minute speech on the welfare state. I'll get one minute of it on

the news if I'm lucky." How interesting that, even in complaining about the media. Mr Major cannot stay "on message". First he cites education policy and then switches to the

RADIO WATCH PETER BARNARD

welfare state, a mark of the way the Tories have muddled their messages.

events flies in the face of the public perception. There have been many complaints, to the BBC in particular, about too much election coverage.

The issues in this cam paign have been reported and analysed to within an inch of their lives. Mr Major's complaint yester-day sounded like sour grapes, like a de facto admission that Labour understands the media but the Tories do not. "I think new Labour," Mr Major said, "have been a brilliant marketing exercise."

He meant it as a criticism, but, if an election campaign is not a marketing exercise, what else is it?

Phone Tory snubbed over 'sleaze secrets'

who accused John Major of failing grassroots workers on Election Call was disowned by her local party after selling Tory "sleaze secrets" to a tabloid newspaper, it emerged yester-day. Margaret Curtis, 47, a former ward secretary in Southampton, was shunned by Conservatives in the area. liter net ciaims, defiled by the men she named, appeared in the Sunday Mirror in March. They last night dismissed her as an irrelevance. Liz Ross-Bartell, election agent for Michael Colvin, who is fighting a notional 21,700 majority in the newly created Romsey constituency, said: "I feel she has let the

side down." Mrs Curtis, a



Margaret Curtis: caller

divorcée, last night insisted she was not put up to embarrass the Prime Minister by the Labour Party 7

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Rebels vow to take capital as Mobutu stalls over talks

LAURENT KABILA'S rebel forces in Zaire yesterday pledged to continue their advance on the capital. Kinshasa, after President Mobutu threw diplomats into disarray by quibbling over the venue for talks with Mr Kabila.

The two major players in Zaire's drama parried and thrust over the head of the US special envoy. Bill Richard-son, who earlier thought he had secured an agreement for face-to-face talks. Last night Mr Richardson again said he had secured agreement for talks on a South African ship in international waters off West Africa. The talks would be chaired by the United Nations, he said.

The squabble was a lastditch attempt to re-open a rift on policy in Zaire between France, which until recently publicly backed Mr Moburu. and Washington, where the ailing President has already been described as "history" by

the State Department. The argument over where the talks would take place amounted to bickering over what language the hosts should speak

Both sides had agreed that the meeting would be chaired by Nelson Mandela, who has close relationship with Washington and has been used to further the US initiative because of his personal relationship with Mr Mobutu, national statesman.

Earlier, while the South

African Navy ship SAS Outenique was already steaming to a position in the Atlantic off the coast of Zaire where South African officials thought the meeting would be held, Mobutu Nzanga. 27, the Fresident's son and spokesman, announced that the meeting would not take place. He suggested neighbouring Congo or Gabon as alternatives. Both West African countries are former French

colonies which Mr Kabila is reluctant to visit because he fears an assassination plot and has hinted that the French might even be involved in planning his murder.

Bizima Karaha, the rebel

foreign affairs spokesman and

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a former medical doctor in South Africa, said he did not care if Mr Mobutu refused to meet Mr Kabila. "We lose nothing by not meeting Mr Mobutu. If anything, we have hent backwards too much for the man, given our military superiority on the ground. We are more than happy to take the war to Kinshasa and end Mobutu's arrogance. In fact, our forces are consolidating their approach towards Kinshasa. He must know it is the end game." he said.

The main difference between France and other Westnowers is that Paris believes Zaire is "on track for democratic elections later this year". One French official

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Rwandan refugees leave a ferry at Kisangani yesterday, on their way back home from Zaire at the start of a 60-day UN evacuation operation

said: "We cannot allow a man like Kabila to come to power by force of arms in a demo-

The view shared privately by other European Union dent, already suffering from cancer, should be persuaded to step down, and that he has done nothing but obstruct democratic development in his country since he legalised

Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, and Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, held telephone talks to try to bring a unified diplomatic position to

gulf Zaire. A spokesman in Paris said the two ministers had agreed that Zaire's belligerents should agree to a five-point UN plan which

ful transition of power. Mr Kabila's reputation as a "sav-iour" of Zaire has been badly tarnished by recent reports of massacres of Rwandan Hutu

UN begins airlift of refugees

PROM REUTER IN KISANGANI

A UNITED Nations airlift of Rwandan refugees from Zaire began in earnest yesterday.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees said 186 unaccompanied children left Kisangani for Kigali, the Rwandan capital, on an Ilyushin plane and 50 refuGisenyi in Rwanda. "This is the start of the airlift which we hope will break the logiam and get these refugees bome." Peter Kessler, a UNHCR spokesman, said. Officials said, however, that a fuel shortage in Uganda meant two more Ilyushins could not

Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, gave UN agencies 60 days from last Thursday to return all refugees to Rwanda but on Tuesday he told Bill Richardson, the visiting American diplomat, that be was prepared to be flexible.

UN officials have said that it would be impossible to repatriate all 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees south of Kisangani and another 250,000 unaccounted for in

Italy ends royal heir's exile

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Cabinet of the Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, yesterday approved a proposal by the Centre-Left eader to amend the Constitution so the colourful heir to the Italian throne. Prince Vittorio Emanuele, may return home

after 50 years in exile. The decision was welcomed by Italian monarchists who have been campaigning for decades against the ban on direct male heirs to the House of Savoy setting foot in Italy. This is a very beautiful thing," said Gennaro Malgeri, editor of the "post-Fascist" newspaper Secolo d'Italia. "I

am very happy." Domenico Fisichella, a monarchist philosopher and politician, from the conservative National Alliance party. hailed "a signal of a serene historical review of a crucial phase of our national affairs."



Vittorio Emanuele: was tried for manslaughter

Under the Cabinet decision Professor Prodi will draw up a Government Bill to amend the 13th section of the Constitu-tion. It will be presented for approval to Parliament. The Bill is expected to become law. because the main political parties from across the spec-

trum reached agreement in

November 1995 in the constitutional affairs committee of the Senate to revoke the ban. Signor Prodi promised monarchists during the general election campaign last year that Vittorio Emanuele, 59,

and his popular son. Emanuele Fliiberto, 23, would be welcome in Italy. The monarchy was abolished in Italy in 1946 after a popular referendum in which republicans claimed the royal family

discredited by its links with the Fascist dictatorship of Benito Mussolini.

Vittorio Emanuele was for many years' considered a C source of national embarrassment after he was tried - and acquitted - in a French court

on charges of manslaughter. The Prince was accused of firing a rifle from his yacht. then moored off Corsica, fatally wounding a German tourist who was sleeping in a vessel



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Woman says McVeigh used her soup tins to demonstrate bomb techniques



McVeigh: best man

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

TIMOTHY McVEIGH meticulously planned the Oklahoma City bombing and told the wife of an army friend that the federal building was an "easy target", the woman claimed yesterday.

Lori Fortier, 24, told a jury in Denver how Mr McVeigh once took soup tins from her kitchen cupboard and used them to demonstrate how he would stack barrels of explosive inside a rented lorry to

create the biggest impact. But she never believed he would carry out his threat. "I was in denial that he was really capable of this. I now wish I could have stopped it. If I could do it all over again, I would

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Mr McVeigh's motive for the bombing, she said, was to avenge the FBI raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. He thought the Government had murdered people and believed some of those in the raid worked in the federal building.

Mr McVeigh, 25, pleads not guilty to the bombing in which 168 d, including nursery children.

Mrs Fortier said Mr McVeigh told her how he robbed a gun dealer to finance the bombing, stole explosives from a quarry and anned to mix ammonium nitrate with racing fuel — identified by the FBI as the bomb's ingredients. He asked for her assistance in disguising two boxes of blasting caps by wrapping them as Christmas presents. Mrs Fortier said she also helped Mr McVeigh to laminate a

false driver's licence in the name of Robert Kling, the name he allegedly used to rent the lorry.

Mrs Fortier was given immunity from prosecution in exchange for her evidence. Her husband, Michael, has negotiated a deal to testify in which he has pleaded guilty to lesser crimes as an accomplice for which he could receive a maximum sentence of 23 years. Mr McVeigh was the Fortiers' best man at their

The jury listened intently to Mrs Fortier, who described Mr

McVeigh's preparations for the bombing on at least three occasions at her mobile home in Arizona. Her credibility was expected to come under rigorous attack by the defence, but the prosecutor, Joseph Hartzler, tried to blunt the impact of her cross-examination in advance. Under his questioning, she

She admitted repeatedly lying to

conceded regular use of marijuana, amphetamines and LSD, but said that she stopped taking illegal drugs when she agreed to cooperate with the Government.

the FBI after the bombing, saying that Mr McVeigh was not involved. She did so, she said, because she did not want to implicate herself or her husband after Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, made a televised pledge to seek the death penalty for those responsible for the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil.

Mrs Fortier said she knew as soon as she heard about the bombing that Mr McVeigh was involved Asked if she felt responsible, she said: "Yes, because I could have stopped it."

Justice chief rejects call for inquiry on Democrat funding

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

JANET RENO, the US Attorney-General, yesterday rebutted a blistering interrogation by the Senate judiciary committee over her refusal to appoint an independent counsel to investigate campaign fundraising. She said that Justice Department decisions should not be swayed by

opinion polls. Orrin Hatch, a Republican senator from Utah who is committee chairman, told her that 59 per cent of the public believed an independent coun-sel should be appointed. "The time has come for the Attorney-General to consider the public's scepticism about her decision", he said. Ms Reno. who has consistently said there is not enough evidence of wrongdoing by senior Administration figures to warrant such a move, said: "If I'm going to let Justice Department decisions be made on the basis of polls, then I don't

want any part of it." Ms Reno's appearance before the committee yesterday consolidated her image as an embattled figure, under siege from congressional Republicans but treated warily by Democrats. Appointed by President Clinton in his first term. Ms Reno saw her relationship with the White House cool dramatically after she appointed an independent counsel to investigate Whitewater, the financial scandal dating from Mr Clinton's time as Governor of Arkansas. She has also seen her support within the Justice Department dwindle as key officials have left and the vacancies have yet to be filled.

The central issue in yesterday's Senate hearings was whether there was enough evidence to appoint an independent counsel. The Attornev-General has the power to appoint a counsel to investigate senior Administration officials such as the President who are responsible for her appointment, in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

Ms Reno said last week: "At this point, we can't find specific and creditable evidence that person with whom (would have an automatic conflict has violated a federal

Mr Hatch said: "I respect and admire Janet Reno. But her refusal to do what the law permits, and indeed clearly requires, does not engender

Senator Patrick Leahy from Vermont, representing the Democrats on the committee. said in Ms Reno's defence: "I believe the Attorney-General has more facts and better

facts than any member of Congress.

Pressure on Ms Reno has mounted since the start of the year, as details of the Democratic fundraising practices before last November's presidential election have emerged. Republicans accuse the President and Al Gore, the Vice-President, of illegally using the White House and the advantages of their office to solicit money. They also say that the Democratic National Committee knowingly accept-

Newt Gingrich, House Speaker, has declared that he has no confidence in Ms Reno. The evidence mounts every day of lawbreaking in this Administration," he said last

ed foreign donations.

Mr Leahy said yesterday: "If we are beiing asked to choose between Speaker Newt Gingrich and the Attorney-General as an arbiter of ethics, my choice is very clear: I'll go

with the Attorney-General".

Ms Reno said yesterday:

The standard in the law is clear and by now familiar. I am applying the law to the facts as we know them." She criticised Republican senators for long delays in considering Mr Clinton's nominations for judges, arguing that the court system was suffering.



Hutomo "Tommy" Mandala Putra, 35, and Ardhia "Tata" Pramesti Regita Cahyani Suryobandoro, 22, feed each other rice during their threehour traditional Indonesian

Suharto son tastes food of love

wedding ceremony at Jakar- ." ta's cultural theme park yesterday. The multimillionaire

groom is the youngest son of President Suharto, who told the couple before 3,500 re-

ception guests: "Be always happy together and be useful to our nation and our religion." The bride is a descendant .. of . Javanese royalty. (AP)

WORLD

Rangers defied in Texas

Los Angeles: Hopes of a peaceful end to the west Texas siege were undermined by a stream of bellicose threats from the dichards of the Republic of Texas separatists, and by the detention of seven armed men apparently heading to reinforce the group

(Giles Whittell writes). Surrounded by scores of Texas Rangers and 26 tonnes of military hardware, the separatists have vowed that they will not surrender, adding that any attempt to take them by force will set off "the second American Civil War".

\$10m pledge

Grand Forks: An anonymous woman may be giving away \$10 million (£6.) million) after promising \$2,000 to every affected household - about 5,000 - in this North Dakota city, ravaged by floods and fire, and neighbouring East Grand Forks in Minnesota, also swamped by the swollen Red River. The American woman has no family ties with the area, which she has never visited. (AP)

Out of jail

Hong Kong: Bao Tong, the former senior Chinese official jailed after the Tiananmen crackdown in 1989 for leaking state secrets, has been release into the custody of his family (Jonathan Mirsky writes). Mr under effective house arrest sentence, and friends say that he and his family's flat is under close surveillance.

Chelsea's choice

Washington: Chelsea Clinton has chosen Stanford University — 3,000 miles from home - as the college where she wants to continue her studies. The US President's daughter. who aims to be a medical student, had kept her choice secret. She will enter Stanford, south of San Francisco, this automn as a member of the Class of 2001. (AP)

Patient doctored

Dubai: The United Arab Emirates has lifted a ban on the award-winning film The English Patient after censoring five scenes. The Ministry of Information and Culture had ruled that the film violated Islamic morals, even though it was already censored before its original release here. (Reuter)

Smarter beast challenges Kasparov

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

GARRY KASPAROV, the world chess champion, will resume battle with the supercomputer Deep Blue this

The prize for the New York match, which will start on Saturday and is being hyped as "the brain's last stand", is \$1.1 million (£680,000) - double that for the last encounter between Mr Kasparov and the The money, however, is no

incentive to the whirring, flickering. I.4-tonne International Business Machines computer. Its bloodless wires may be able to consider 200 million moves a second, but it has no appetite, no lusts and is immune to cash incentives. Mr Kasparov beat the

machine after an early scare last year in Philadelphia, but IBM programmers believe they have improved the beast. a twin black-boxed RS/6000



Garry Kasparov at his last meeting with Deep Blue

team of attendants. For months they have crouched over chess manuals and computer screens in upstate New York, tweaking their monster. When Mr Kasparov, 34, beat Deep Blue last year the result was regarded — with illconcealed relief among tech-

with 32 nodes and a clucking nophobes as proof that mankind retains the upper hand over the computer world. That a rematch has been called so soon, suggests two things: that IBM is hungry for publicity, and that computer boffins will not rest easy until they have vanquished the human brain.

Each time Deep Blue plays a game its ability improves, but may still have problems forming a deep-game strategy. Furthermore, there remains the flaw that when it comes to deciding whether to accept draws - which may sometimes be made with an ele-ment of bluffing bravado -the decision will be made by Deep Blue's highly fallible human minders.

In the last match. Mr Kasparov appeared shaken after losing the opening game. and was perhaps open to charges of initial complacency. Like last time, the six-game match will be played over nine days, and Mr Kasparov will realise that he is, for once, up against an opponent that knows no psychological weakness or physical exhaustion. To help him to concentrate on his foe, an IBM staffer will sit in the chair opposite him during the match.

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Belarus is warned on rights

Washington: The United States is resuming ambassadorial relations with Belarus after a month-long break. while telling the Government to make rapid steps to im-prove its "abysmal human rights record" (Bronwen Maddox writes).

The ambassador, Kenneth Yalowitz, returns to his post after a break triggered by expulsion of a US diplomat and a deteriorating human rights record. The State Department, which expelled a Belarussian diplomat in return, also cut off \$40 million (£24 million) in aid because of human rights violations.

US officials say they were encouraged by the authorities' toleration on Saturday of a march to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of the Chemobyl nuclear explosion

Mentally ill in US get job protection

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

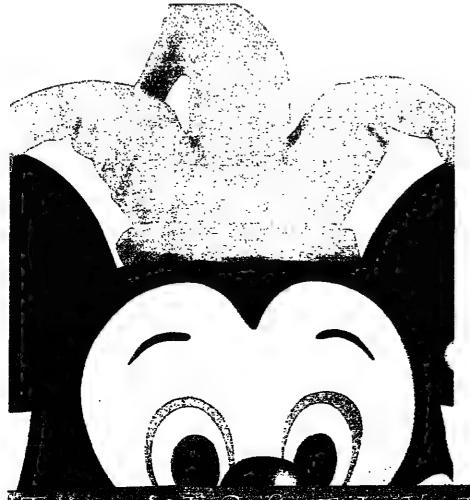
AMERICAN companies have been barred from discriminating against the mentally ill and cannot now ask job applicants whether they have a history of problems including schizophrenia and manic depression.

The guidelines, issued this week by the Government's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, appear dramatically to increase the scope of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, often interpreted to apply only to those with physical handicaps.

The statement was provoked by a sharp rise in the number of complaints about discrimination on the basis of emotional or psychiatric problems, amounting to nearly 13 per cent, or 9,000, of all complaints in the past four years. The commission tells employers to consider the fact that chronic lateness, hostility or misjudgments could be due to mental problems.

To comply with the law, companies should alter work schedules for those unable to keep to the regular timetable, and allow them extra time off work. Employers should also adapt their offices or factories, for example by installing partitions or soundproofing to help schizophrenics, or other people easily distracted.

Employers may ask an applicant to take a medical and psychiatric test, provided it is applied to all prospective re-cruits. If the applicant is rejected on the basis of the test. the company must demonstrate that the person would be incapable of carrying out the work, not just a disruptive or anti-social colleague.



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explosion kills 22 in arsenal

Albanian

FROM RELITER

AN EXPLOSION at an underground military weapons store killed at least 22 people yesterday, in what Albanian police said was probably a looting attempt that went

from the blast, close to the town of Burrel, 60 miles northeast of the capital Tirana. could rise as many witnesses reported that their relatives had been in the tunnels at the time. "All the people that were inside the store at the time were killed." a government spokesman said.

ported that a fire engulfed two underground tunnels and destroyed many camp buildings. The news agency quoted police as saying that the explosion was probably caused by gunpowder ignited by looters searching for artillery shells, whose brass casings have created a brisk trade in Europe's poorest nation.

The agency also reported that a fire had started on Tuesday at an arms depot in the village of Palikesht, about 75 miles south of Tirana, as locals tried to break open artillery shells to steal the casings. Nobody was injured. Many of Albania's 1,500 arsenals were looted last month by people who lost money when pyramid saving schemes collapsed. Twenty people were hurt last week when a store in the Lezhe

district exploded as youths

tried to steal explosives.

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BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA.

EUROPEAN Union foreign may even be pleased. Other ers yesterday decided to delay indefinitely the return of their ambassadors to Tehran solidarity with Germany, civhose ambassador has been hised re-entry by Iran.

The ministers, meeting in special session in Luxembourg at Germany's request, agreed that they would not go ahead with the planned return of envoys after the announcement by Iranian leaders that the German and Danish enyoys would be kept out in retaliation for the two countries lead in advocating new sanctions against Iran.

Italy, which acted immedlately after the earlier decision on Tuesday, has aiready sent its ambassador back. The Foreign Office said that Jeffrey James, the British Charge d'Affaires, would stay behind in London.

In a display of wounded pride, Iran announced yesterday that the ambassadors of Germany and Denmark were anot welcome back and it would not rush to return its envoys to Europe. The snub came a day after EU foreign ministers agreed to send their envoys back to Tehran, despite halting ministerial contacts because of Iran's alleged involvement in terrorism.

iran also narrowly decided against telling Britain, which has been one of Tehran's harshest European critics, not to return Mr James, Iranian sources said.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Iran's spiritual leader, ordered the Foreign Ministry not to allow Horst Baechmann, the German Ambassador, to return "for a period of time". Ali Akbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister, added that Iran would "not be upset if the German Ambassador never returns to Tehran, and we

Iranian leaders accused the EU of indulging in "childish

games" and "demagoguery".
Diplomats said it was the ayatollah's intervention that apparently accounted for a much tougher line, bran's first reaction to the EU's decision on Tuesday, was relatively restrained. A political commentary on Iran's state-run news agency noted with satisfaction that the EU had resisted pressure from Washington to curb trade and investment. links with Iran.

The rupture in relations between Iran and Europe, its main trading partner, came after a Berlin court judgment last month that directly implicated senior Iranian leaders, including Ayatollah Khamen-ei and President Rafsanjani, in the murder of Kurdish dissidents in Germany, All EU members, apart from Greece, recalled their ambassadors for consultations.

Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani. who had predicted that European countries would send their envoys back for fear of losing trade links, accused the EU of capitulation. The Europeans have engaged in propeganda intrigues, indulged in stubborn and childish games, have become ashamed of themselves and have quickly put their hands in the air, this is a sign of Iran's real strength, he said.

The Iranian President, a pragmatist often credited with fostering better ties with Europe to counter American attempts to isolate his country, also shrugged off the EU's decision to suspend a highlevel "critical dialogue" with Tehran. He said European countries should not be praising themselves for taking the step because Iran had been the first to halt the talks.

Battle over Berlin bunkers

that housed Waffen SS drivers. A fierce debate is under way as to aerial battle over Berlin (Roger whether the murals — and bunkers
Boyes writes). Other paintings deconstant — should be preserved as a monument or flattened. The latest bunker are of no great artistic merit but

find, in the Wilmersdorf district of Berlin, was once occupied by air co-

provide an insight into the under ground life of a city under bombardment. Few signs of the Third Reich remain above ground, but more bunkers and tunnels are being Berlin, now undergoing

Tajikistan's leader wounded in grenade attack

a wedge between the central

authorities and the northern

region of Leninabad, where

Since the break-up of the

Soviet Union, Tajikistan has

been gripped by violence be-

tween rival warlords. The

the attack took place.

FROM RICHARD BEESTON EN MOSCOW -

This painting is one of several dis-

covered in a newly uncovered Sec-ond World War bunker — all

daubed by bored German soldiers as

they awaited the all-clear during the

PRESIDENT Rakhmonov of Tajikistan was wounded yesterday when a young man hurled a grenade at his entourage, killing two people and wounding 57.

The man, identified as Firdays - Dustboboyev, attacked the President, his aides

and local dignitaries in the northern Tajik city of Kokand. The President, wounded below his left knee by shrapnel, was treated in hospital and later returned to Dushanbe, the capital, for emergency talks with security advisers.

Reports from Tajikistan said it was unclear if the assassination attempt was part of a local dispute or

conflict has so far claimed Rakhmonov's many rivals. more than 30.000 lives. While Moscow was deeply One source suggested that the incident was intended to drive

concerned by the attack, it was also trying to contain violence nearer home in the northern Caucasus. Chechen militants have been blamed for a series of bombings, kidnappings and murders.

Unidentified gunmen yesterday killed the Deputy Interior Minister of Ingushena. Police said they had defused two bombs in Nazran, the regional capital.

The attack came after two people were killed and 20 injured on Monday when a bomb blew apart the railway station in the mountain resort of Pyatigorsk. A similar device left two people dead in nearby Armavir last week.

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Two die as | Colony's blasts sink new chief French arms ship

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

TWO people were killed and three were missing last night after a French Navy ship exploded and sank in the Channel. The crew of a Royal Navy

training vessel who saw the explosion alerted French rescue services. Lifeboats were sent from the nearby port of Cherbourg, northern France. French authorities said a further five of the 22 people on

board the support ship La Fidèle were seriously injured in the accident. Their lives were not in danger, according to French rescue services. . The 450-tonne ship was

transporting explosives to a live-firing exercise at sea when the explosion occurred. The French Navy said the looft vessel was carrying 16 crew and six civilian ordnance experts. A spokesman said that La Fidèle was rocked by two explosions and sank within 15

French naval vessels were last night searching for the Ethree missing people. Solent Coastguards sent a Sikorski helicopter to the scene, but the French did not need help. :

to protect protesters'

IN HONG KONG

HONG Kong's leader-in-waiting said here yesterday that, if China attempted a crackdown in the colony like that carried out in Tiananmen Square in 1989, he would Speaking on ABC Tele-

vision. Tung Chee hwa said that demonstrations in Hong Kong are a "part of our culture ... a way of life". When asked what would happen if Martin Lee, the chairman of the Democratic Party, attempted to breach the new laws, which forbid demonstrations without police per-mission, Mr Tung said: They should feel comfortable to demonstrate ... if they want to be martyrs, they will be very disappointed."

Asked what would happen

if Beijing embarked on another Tiananmen in Hong Kong, the Chief Executive-designate said: "I will not allow it to happen here."

Mr Lee said he was happy to hear Mr Tung's assur ances, but he wondered if he had the power to prevent massacres if the troops have been given orders to shoot".



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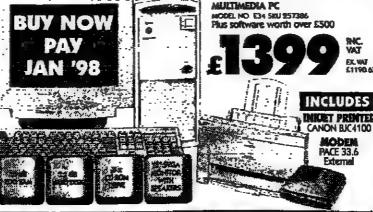
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hormone reapy (HRT) because of the premenstrual-type syndrome are deterred by the slight increase in the number of cases of breast cancer in HRT

It is not always well received, or helpful, if a brash doctor tells a woman with breast cancer who has been on HRT that the increased risk of the disease is ourweighed by her statistically lower chance of developing Alzheimer's disease, dying from cardiovascu-lar disease (strokes and heart attacks) or suffering fractures resulting from osteoporosis.

What women want, and need, is a form of HRT which spares the breast and uterus but saves the bones, brain and heart. It is expected that at the National Osteoporosis Triannual Foundation meeting in Washington next month news of just such a hormonal preparation (a SERM, or Selective Oestrogen Receptor Modulator) which will achieve this will be announced officially for the first time.

There has been talk at doctors' meetings for some time about SERM, and it seems that the first, Raloxifene, is likely to be marketed within 18 months.

A SERM is a mixed oestrogen agonist and antagonist. That is to say that it is thought to give the benefits of oestrogen therapy to the heart, bones and brain, while blocking any permicious pestrogenic effects on the breast and



It is hoped that by using SERM both the breast and the uterus will be spared any increased liability to malignant changes, while the woman's bones remain strong and healthy, and her arteries unclogged. Surprisingly, vaginal dryness does not seem to be a problem with Raloxifene but in the occasional case which has occurred local hormonal creams have solved the

SERM could provide the hormonal equivalent of having your cake and eating it. but doctors and patients will have to wait until after the Washington before it will be generally known just how close Raloxifene has come to achieving this ideal. Raloxifene will be taken in a once daily dose, with or without food, at any time.

Women are now living on average for seven years longer than men, and because of this increased life expectancy they have to plan to live a third of their life after the menopause.

Stuttaford on a breakthrough in HRT; pain after childbirth; why you should take your calcium tablets at mealtimes

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The hormonal changes which occur at the menopause will, if not treated, result in osteoporosis. This, together with the increasing rates of cardiovascular disease in women (which is also reduced by HRT), is likely to pose increasing prob-lems for them, and the health services in the future.

he dangers of osteoporosis emphasised by the frequency with which the phrase "after a fail" appears in the obituary columns. It is to be expected that older women will fall more often as age erodes their sense of balance, and their sight is dimmed, but what is unacceptable is that the fall should so often result in a fracture. Fractures are too frequently a terminal event in a life which

is still being enjoyed to the full. The liability of the elderly of both sexes to break bones is mainly the result of osteoporosis, the progressive and generalised loss of bone matrix. which makes them brittle.

Although a potentially lethal fracture is the most important clinical manifestation of osteoporosis, it is not the only one. The average doctor looks after about 2,000 patients; 140 of these will be bones, 50 of whom will have the disease in their spine. At the age of 80, more than half the women who are still alive will have sustained a fracture of one of their vertebrae. .

Osteoporisis of the spine is the cause of constant, sometimes crippling back ache. Sleep is disturbed, driving becomes an ordeal, carrying shopping is impossible. Vertebral collapse can be so severe that eating and drinking is difficult. I recently saw a patient with such severe kyphosis, rounded back, that drinking from a glass was so awkward that she had to have



Riddle of the kidney stones

RESEARCH in America has surprisingly shown that a high intake of dietary calcium reduces rather than increases the risk of kidney stones, which are made of calcium oxylate. Conversely, taking calcium supplements in tablet form tends to increase the

incidence of such stones. In Britain, Pulse magazine quotes evidence showing that of nearly 100,000 women between 34 and 50, those with the highest risk of developing kidney stones of those took them at mealtimes.

with the lowest calcium intake. Women who took calcium tablets had a 20 per cent greater risk of stones than those who relied upon dietary supplements.

The answer seems to be that the absorption of oxylate, which is needed before stones can be formed, is reduced if calcium is taken in the diet. Calcium blocks absorption of oxylate. Women who took calcium tablets tended to do so between, rather than with,

When birth brings a legacy of problems

likely to cause a flood of letters to the Editor than any article on midwifery. ewise, few topics in midwifery are more controversial than the role of the episioto-my, the cut which allows the baby's head to be delivered easily, and thereby prevents an uncontrollable tearing of the women's perineum.

Most doctors and midwives would agree that, ideally, a tear and an episiotomy should be avoided, but it requires skill and judgment by the midwife to achieve this. Even the most experienced midwives sometimes make a

Deciding when it is wise to avoid a cut by gambling that any tear will be

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cause damage to deeper structures is more difficult than it seems. If the wrong decision is made, the woman may be left with a battered perineum and a torn and subse quently lax and incontinent recturn. Those who favour a back-to-nature

approach to midwifery often this means that the hormonal delivered in less sophisticated societies.

The constant separating soggy sores that many women in Third World countries suffer are often partly the result of damage caused by tearing at childbirth and are one of the reasons why HIV has spread so rapidly.

The standard teaching that an episiotomy should be done when the perineum is thick and holding up delivery, or to prevent tears or excessive stretching, has been under-mined by some evidence that the repair which follows a tear is likely to cause less pain to a woman after delivery than the repair after an episiotomy.

There is also some evidence that intercourse is more likely to be painful after an episiotomy repair than after one for a

In both instances it is diffilike with like. Not only may

tear differ, but there may be underlying personality differliver easily and those who have needed assistance, in-

cluding an episiotomy.

A review in the British

Journal of Sexual Medicine
of the problems of painful intercourse, dyspareunia, after childbirth has produced the usual forthright corres-

Mr Raiph Robinson, a consultant obstetrician and gy-naecologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge, emphasised the importance of breastfeeding as a cause of dyspareunia after childbearing. He suggested that the authors of the report should have discussed what is in his

opinion the most common factor in post-childbirth dyspareunia:

breast-feeding.
Mr Robinson said breast-feeding brought with i physiological hyperprolactinaemia amenorrhoea, nism, atrophic

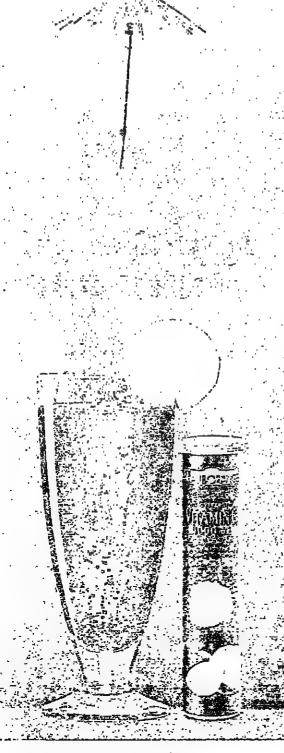
vaginitis and a depressed libido. In lay language

have not seen the perineums changes induced and main-of women who have been tained by breast-feeding not only prevented the return of periods, which could be welcome, but also caused a loss of sexual desire, and a thinned, dry, easily inflamed vagina which may be very sensitive.

Similar vaginal changes leading to dyspareunia occur in breast-feeders even if they have had a Caesarean section. and although the symptoms may be helped with hormonal creams, these have little effect on the libido.

7 be authors of the initial review replied that even when they make every allowance for the type of delivery it seemed that dysparcunia was 2.5 times less common in those who had neither perineal tears not

Their plea was that the eunia, including, presumably. plored before a psychological



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Risk in a polio jab

ALTHOUGH Sir Julian Critchley has had other medical problems, the increasing invalidity which has prompted his resignation from the House of Commons is a result of the resurgence of the symptoms of polio. Those who suffer polio in youth are likely to become increasingly paralysed in their latter years.

The relief when a polio vaccine was introduced was immense. Before the introduction of the "sugar lump" vaccine, immunisation was provided by injections.

Recently there have been worries about a possible

association between these injections and the development now of mesothelioma, a cancer of the covering of the lungs more often associated with exposure to asbestos. People who have had little or no contact with asbestos are apparently more likely to develop this cancer if they had the polio injection.

Tragic as these cases are, if they were the result of the injections which saved the life and limbs of thousands of young people in the 1950s and later, the price may have been justifiable.

The MP's downfall

ical wife admiring her victorious husband on the platform as the returning officer analso take one last look at his immaculate suit.

After a few weeks in the Commons it is likely that unless the new Member looks after his scalp, his suit will bear a fine dust of dandruff. Usually caused by seborrheic dermatitis of the scalp, secondarily infected by a fungus. Pityrosporum ova-le, dandruff affects more men

The fungus flourishes in the warm, emotional atmo-sphere of the House as successfully as any former

Oxbridge researcher from Central Office. There are arguments as to whether the fungal infection or inflammation and scaling is the predominant cause of dandruff. but what is certain is that anti-inflammatory steroid scalp applications are inadequate to control it. Regular use of Nizoral fungicidal anti-dandruff shampoo keeps it at bay, however, Politicians who want to

retain their popularity need to do more than change the colour of their suits to hide their dandruff: 39 per cent of women said they would not fancy a dandruff sufferer, and Il per cent of the sufferers say their social life is restricted.

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Explain that? I can't." Much of Bewes's childhood was spent in bed, as an asthmatic invalid. "I used to lie in my bedroom, making stages out of shoe boxes. I'd fill them up with tissue and shine a lamp inside." He was 12 when he saw a BBC advert in his father's Daily Herald for child actors. The confident boy wrote asking for an audition and ended up working on several

have asked themselves the same questions. Albert Finney, son of a

bookie's runner. Tom Courtenay

Children's Hour plays. "My family were so thrilled when I stopped being ill and won a RADA scholarship, they allowed me to go and live on my own in London. I washed up in the Grosvenor House kitchens and that paid for my flat in Belsize Park.

"I think we all act in different ways. Sometimes it's easier being someone else. I remember when the triplets were born and I stood looking down at them and Daphne, and said: 'Well done, What a

"She snapped back: "What are you talking about? What a blessing? Who are you now, anyway? You sound like Leslie Howard bringing in a crippled destroyer from Dunkirk.' I do that sometimes, I become a different person, without thinking about it. Daphne's very down to earth, keeps me

"The turning point came for me last year when I decided that the world would not have been a poorer place without The Likely Lads and that I wasn't very important. Just because you're an actor doesn't mean you have to have an enormous ego. Learning to believe that has made me a much happier man."

● Rodney Bewes's solo adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men In A Boat is on tour. Details: 0991 455 485.



Rodney Bewes at 60: " Just because you're an actor doesn't mean you have to have an enormous ego."

A Likely Lad's solo voyage

odney Bewes paces his dressing room nervously. His period boating cosnume suggests languorous riverside pleasures, but he shows not the least sign of leisure. Just the opposite. He gives every impression of extreme anxiety.

He is clearly a fussy sort. fastidious, worrying even about the contents of his dressing table. Is everything where it should be?
In the circumstances, perhaps it

isn't so surprising that the erst-while Likely Lad is so apprehen-sive. In his latest stage role, everything rests on his shoulders. Everything. "Yes," he says proudly.
"I've done it all myself."

For once, the phrase "one-man show" is truly apposite. The programme states baldly: "Rodney Bewes in his solo adaptation o Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men In

In fact he is starring in, producing and directing the 90-minute monologue. He has written the script. He is supervising the lighting, providing the music and organising the props, which in-clude a rather handsome Edwardian skiff and a stuffed dog named Montmorency. He is also road manager. And if that isn't quite enough, he even enterthins the audience after the show.

Backstage at the Ashcroft The-aire, Croydon, Bewes explains: "At the end I invite the audience on stage. People are fascinated by the boat. Then we all have drinks in the bar afterwards. I tell them I can't get started till the crew come. Kidding, of course.

"Tonight, my wife Daphne is coming to help. She'll start packing up the car while I'm in the bar." Now 60, and slimmer than in his Likely Lads days, he still has that naive optimism that defined his TV character. Holding up the programme, bursting with pride, he says: "Look at this: first act, second act, entire cast list, all a joke you

see. Lovely though." So why is he doing it, lugging all this stuff around provincial the-aires? Isn't it all rather depressing after decades of fame when he and James Bolam were the nation's favourite Northerners?

"Oh, let's be honest," he says. "I'm enjoying myself. Loving it. At the Edinburgh Festival last August one of the posh papers described me as a worn cardigan at a Gaultier show'. Brilliant! Just because I'm enjoying myself.

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Jane Austen and Mrs

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More than 20 years after he first found fame, Rodney Bewes is rediscovering himself. Interview by Noreen Taylor



The way they were: with James Bolam in The Likelv Lads

though, doesn't justify people buying tickets. So it's got to work.

Travelling alone, being out there on my own, it's mega lonely. The first few steps on stage are the worst, though I think Jerome would have understood and, hopefully, approved. It's a Jeromian kind of thing, you see. He came from Walsall. from a working-class background like my own, so I try not to speak in a different accent.

More than half the 800 seats at Croydon were filled with a warmly appreciative audience, all chording along as Bewes read and enacted the 40 pages he had culled from Jerome's book. His adaptation is set in 1912, with Jerome as narrator recalling a Thames trio taken with friends George and Harris. Rodney plays all three characters with a comic timing Jack Benny might have envied.

But his career does seem upside down. Fame came early and now here he is in the provinces. "I don't regret anything," he says. "The Sixties were a wonderful time to be on television. I'm just thrilled and happy that I was part of it. Bob Ferris was a wonderful character to play, very me in a way.
"You see, the writers Dick

Clements and Ian La Frenais were people who knew a beginning, a middle and an end. They are bigtime writers in Hollywood now." Bewes has always concentrated on comedy. After the last series of The Likely Lads in 1975 he produced and presented Basil Brush, as well as writing and starring in another consic series Dear Mother ... Love Albert.

ames Bolam, meanwhile, has taken the hard drama route of television classics such as When The Boat Comes In and The Beiderbecke Trilogy. "I keep in touch with most of the cast. We were a mutual admiration society, James Bolam and I, never enemies, although everyone tried to make out we were, just like they tried to make out that Morecambe and Wise couldn't stand each other.

"I'm very lucky, a very fulfilled man. All my children's friends' parents have split up and yet Daphne and I are as happy as ever. wake up every morning in gratitude. When our children come home they know Daphne and Rodney are still there. We have four children, three of them triplets.

"Now that they've grown up, Daphne has time to do something she's always been passionate about, painting. We have more time for each other anyway. We've always given each other space,

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The maths of modern marriage

Marry for love, but never forget the balance sheet, says Rachel Morris

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talking here about my tax return, but about the terrible mathematics of a modern marriage, Nineteenth-century novels

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abound with parents advising their children to marry wisely. Sons would be told to avoid flighty girls with expensive tastes in jewellery and to settle down instead with good, domesticated women. And daughters would be told to balance a little romantic love

man's fortunes. But those were the day's when the sums that underlay a marriage were known and agreed, by every-one. When Mrs Bennet in Pride and Prejudice heard that Elizabeth was to marry

Darcy, she cried: Dear, dear Lizzy. A house in town. Everything that is charming. Ten thousand a year. Oh Lord, I shall go quite distracted, and no one spoilt her joy by arguing with her sums. But since then huge changes have taken place in the way that money is earned. the biggest of which is that

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doesn't go' driving force in fiction again.

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The crisis Germany is not facing

Roman Herzog says Angst is paralysing the nation he leads

have just returned from Asia, where in many coun-A tries an amazing dynamism prevails. States which until recently were considered to be developing countries will soon have catapulted themselves into the top league of 21st-century industrial states. Bold visions of the future are conceived and acted on, encouraging people to ever

What, by contrast, do I see in Germany? Here the mood is overwhelmingly despondent and the talk is all of crisis. A feeling of paralysis pervades our society.

At the same time, we face the greatest economic and social challenges for 50 years: 4.3 million unemployed; the erosion of social security by the upside-down pyramid of an ageing population; and the economic, technical and political challenge of globalisation. Let us not deceive ourselves: anybody who still thinks all this has nothing to do with him personally has his head in

What is the matter with our country? In short, it is the loss of economic dynamism, the ossification of society, an unbelievable mental depression.

A German

Bill Gates

get out of

the garage

These phrases describe the crisis. Compared to the Asian tigers or for some years. now once again -the United States, the German economy has performed feebly. Furthermore, in America and Asia the production cycles

are becoming ever shorter, while the tempo of change grows ever faster. Nor is it just a question of technical innovation and the ability to transform research more rapidly into new products. It is a question of a new industrial revolution, of the new, global society of the information age. The comparison between us and America, with its buoyant point: Germany is in serious danger of falling behind.

Whoever shows initiative here, and above all whoever wants to strike out in a new direction, is in danger of being suffocated by a mountain of well-meaning regulations. To grasp the extent of the German regulatory mania, one has only to attempt to build an ordinary family house. Although wages are similar in The Netherlands, it is much cheaper to build the same house there, because of Germany's extra costs.

And this bureaucratic mentality doesn't only obstruct anybody who wants to build himself a house; it obstructs entrepreneurs, large and small, and most especially it obstructs anyone reckless enough to want to start a business in Germany. Bill Gates started off in a garage and as a young man he found himself running a multina-tional company. Some say bitterly that here in Germany his garage workshop would have been closed down by the

health and safety inspectors. And this loss of economic dynamism goes hand in hand with the ossification of our society. People here sense that the come accustomed has failed. and they react to this, understandably enough, with uncertainty. For the first time, even those who have never been threatened with unemployment are gripped by an existential Angst about themselves and their families. Newsweek magazine has already spoken of "the German sickness". That is an exaggeration. But this much is true anybody who looks at our media today cannot avoid the impression that our general mood is pessimism.

That is terribly dangerous. Angst all too easily misleads us into the reflex attempt to preserve everything at all costs. An Angst-ridden society is incapable of reform and thereby of shaping the future. Angst paralyses the spirit of invention, the courage to be self-sufficient, the hope that problems can be solved. Our German word Angst has entered the vocabularies of the Americans and the French as a symbol of our state of mind. "Courage" or "self-confi-dence", by contrast, seem to be out of fashion.

So our real problem is a mental one: it is not as though we did not know how urgently we need to modernise our economy and our society, but

progress is tortuously slow. We lack zest for renewal, the willingness to take risks, to abandon well-trodden paths, would never to dare to do something new. I believe that our problem lies not in recognising what has to be done, but in trans-

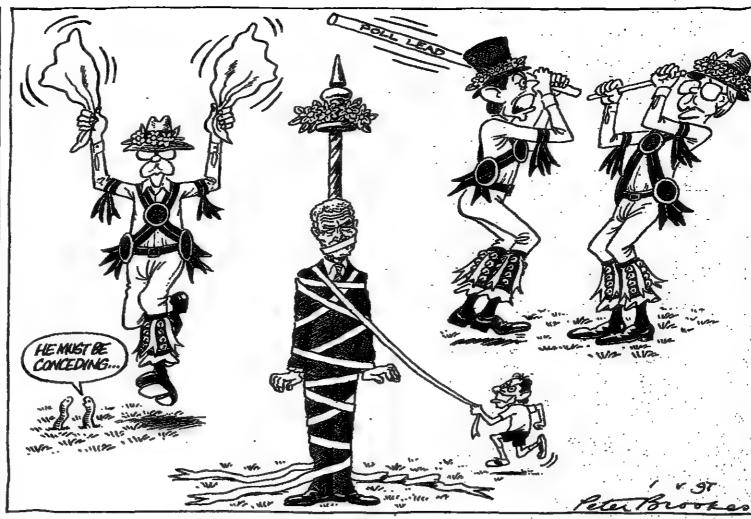
lating that knowledge into action. While the effects of technological change on the labour market and the consequences of demography for welfare also afflict other industrial states, such as Japan, there are no extenuating circumstances for Germany's failure to modernise. That problem is home-made, and we

Te are behaving as if we had plenty of time for renewal. On taxation, pensions, health, education - even the euro one hears only the voices of the interest groups and the doubters. All the political parties and social forces lament the great problem of unemployment. If they really mean what they say, I expect them now to act quickly and decisively. I appeal for more resolution. We cannot afford to let our political institutions blockade

What I find lacking in our élites — polítical, economic, media and social - is the capacity and the will, not just to agree on what is right but to see it through. One may have to face down opposition from public opinion, but our country is not in a condition to afford the luxury of pursuing the line of least

resistance. The world is in turmoil: it will not wait for Germany. But it is not yet too late.

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MAYPOLLING DAY

Safety first won't do

t is likely to be an exciting To win, the Tories needed a simple evening. Paddy Ashdown, a Somerset MP, has said that message of hope; they never found one

there have never been so many undecided voters so late in a campaign. I think that is true, and there may never have been so many marginal seats. Early in the campaign I wrote about Somerset, and concluded that seven of the nine seats were too will win most of these seats, the canvas suggests that the Conservaclose to call. That has been confirmed in the case of Taunton and Bridgwater by constituency polls in last Sunday's Observer. My own canvassing in Fife found a surprising number of genuinely undecided voters, and my son Jacob tells me that this has continued in the last days of

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the campaign. The whole electorate is less pre-committed than it used to be. The Conservatives and Labour may retain 20 per cent of the electorate each as a hard core vote; perhaps the Liberal Democrats have 10 per cent; but half the voters have no strong party loyalty, and for a large number There is also a contradiction be-

tween the poils and the canvassing returns. I think that Labour canvassers are telling the truth when they say that they expect to win but not by a landslide. I know from family experience on the ground and from a number of telephone calls, that the Tory canvass across the country shows the same thing: a Labour victory, but not a landslide. People who say they voted Conservative in 1992 but will be voting Labour now are still relatively rare. Certainly not common enough to account for the polls' average drop of more than a quarter in Conservative support. The polls are showing something quite different from the doorstep canvas: a Labour majority

of 200 or more. There are now 659 seats, which means that either party has to win 330 seats to have an overall majority. My judgment is that Labour has already passed that point, and probably has about 350 seats in the bag, which would give a majority of more than 40. The Conservatives can rely on only about half the seats they would need for an overall majority. or about 165; the other parties will take about 45 seats. That leaves approximately 110 seats as the real marginals of this election. From the Labour point of view, these are the 100 seats which could take Labour up from 350 to 450, and take the majority up from 40 to 240. From the Tory point of view, they represent the potential difference between the core ló5 seat and 265, and between a landslide and a modest Labour victory. The poll suggests that Labour

tives will hold on to most of them. Labour's lead in the polis has now lasted for three or four years, from the time when Britain was foroed out of the exchange-rate mechanism. Since Tony Blair became leader, it has been stable and solid. The damage of the 1990s recession, followed by a forced devaluation and higher taxes, almost destroyed the Government's reputation for competence. Tony Blair's

conversion of his party to new Labour has made it tive to floating voters, and this combination of factors made a big Labour

victory probable long before the election came. The campaign itself, on both sides. can be judged in terms of these truly marginal seats, the 100 seats below 265 which the Conservatives will either hold or lose tonight. If John Major has managed to keep 250 seats or more, it will have been a successful campaign: if he holds 200 seats or fewer, it will have been a disaster. Probably the end result will be somewhere between these two

I am not sure that it will have done the Liberal Democrats much good, but Paddy Ashdown has come closest of the three party leaders to his campaign objectives. He has argued the main Liberal Democrat points consistently and has established them in the public mind. Tony Blair will not necessarily worry about any shortcomings of his campaign, because he will have won. Nevertheless, it has left a disappointing impression on many people. New Labour has come across in the past six weeks as slick rather than compassionate. There was too much evidence of Peter Mandelson's spin-doctoring skills, and too inflexible a discipline, particularly on Europe. Labour's European policy is neither coherent nor popular. The Liberal Democrat attack on the contradiction between priority for

health and education and very tight control on expenditure was never rebutted. Tony Blair himself, on the other hand, came across personally

as open-minded and persuasive. The more difficult post mortem will be the one on the Conservative campaign, even if they do better than expected. It has failed in several ways. The Tory trump cards were not played successfully. Their strongest issue was the economy. The case was put pithily by Hans-Olaf Henkel, the head of the German Confederation of Industry, in an interview with Roger Boyes in yesterday's Times. "Other

European countries are in a logiam, unable to move forward quickly. For lights are on amber, but for Britain the economy is coasting through on a wave of green lights -

unemployment is sinking from month to month, net income is rising. public borrowing is down."

The Conservatives could have benefited from the swing of public opinion towards British independence and against the single currency. The "wait and see" policy has been a disaster; it turned off many voters. The Referendum Party may cost the Tories only 2 per cent of the vote, or something like that, but even 2 per cent could mean 15 seats, or 30 off the Labour majority. A commitment not to enter the single currency in the next Parliament would have given heart to the whole Conservative campaign; it would have forced Labour to consider a similar commitment, it would also have been right. In the event, the Conservative policy on Europe was incoherent, partly rescued by more than 300 candidates' taking the matter into their own hands. The growth of public Euroscepticism on the doorstep has been one of the most under-reported developments of this campaign. Experienced canvassers have summed up what they have found: "Regardless of party, about 40 per cent are against the single currency, and about another 40 per cent want

to get out of Europe altogether." The Attlee victory of 1945, the Thatcher victories of 1979, 1983 and 1987, and the Reagan victories of 1980 and 1984 all combined a simple message with hope for the future. If you cannot write down your party's programme on the back of a postcard, and look happy when you read out what you have written, you will not have a great campaign. Tony Blair does offer hope, but his programme has been opaque, a carefully modulated "me too". The Tory appeal has been "safety first", the slogan on which Stanley Baldwin lost the 1929 election. However vague, the Labour campaign seemed more forward-looking. I'm afraid that "me too" beats "safety first", however feeble

they both are as campaign themes. More solid, though still defensive, was John Major's personal attack on Labour's constitutional proposals. As the Prime Minister who signed the Maastricht treaty, he may not be against British Independence being given up in further European integration; but he is convincing as the defender of the United Kingdom against Scottish devolution with its threat of break-up. He has expressed this argument in two general elections with conviction and force.

John Major has also shown admirable personal courage. Previous Conservative leaders, including Ted Heath and Margaret Thatcher, had only too many critics on the doorstep Canvassers would come reeling back to their offices after distribes against "that man" or "that woman". They never hear such personal hostility to

John Major, and there is much respect and affection. He may this time be a loser but he is a well-liked man. It will be strange if there is a landslide. Canvassers have been hearing surprisingly little anger against the Conservatives and equally little optimism about new Labour. can remember 1945, the big Labour landslide, Labour voters were then full of anger against the Tories and full of confidence in Labour. It was quite different. If the Tories had defined their position on the singlecurrency as more than 300 candidates have now done, and forced a similar definition out of Labour 1 think they might even have won. But in the absence of an overriding issue. time for a change" has been decisive. A party that has to come from behind needs a horse to ride. There has been

Forsyth's forthright finale

Magnus Linklater

on a Tory still needed in Scotland

t was a moment to savour: politi cal debate at its rawest, on the eve of an election which could bring the protagonist's career studdering to a halt. Michael Forsyth had just stepped off the platform from which he had delivered his final endorse-ment of the Union. He was returning to Stirling, where he still had a few hours left to fight for his desperately vulnerable seat. But hearing voices raised in the hall, he could not resist turning back. For the next ten minutes, with passion and precision, he argued his case, perhaps for the last time, with the journalists who have harried him for much of his 14 years in Scottish politics.

This was not so much electioneering as instinct, the beliefs of a man who has, if nothing else, lent much-needed colour to a monochrome needed colour to a monocritoric political landscape. It is a measure of his contribution that when the debate ended (as robustly as it had begun), one reporter, in whose lips the very word Forsyth once brought foam, commented: "We're going to miss him," And it's true. Without him, the all-important constitutional issue in Scotland would have been a lacklustre affair, with Labour avoiding it wherever possible, and thorny ques-tions left unresolved. He has explored the problems they have dodged, and if he does go he will at the very least have put them on the agenda, for others to raise again. He has pursued the anomalies of devolution, pointed out the risks, quantified the costs, and coined the most famous phrase of all, "the tartan tax".

Yesterday he produced confidential figures from his own civil servants. showing how much the Treasury would like to cut from Scotland's budget. He knows this kind of thing is in breach of all the rules, but, as he said, "this is not a game any longer — this is serious". With one day to go, he was prepared to use any resource at his command to press his message.

It is not for lack of trying that his message will be ignored by the voters. Tomorrow, the political map of Scotland is likely to show the reduction of the Conservatives north of the border to the level of a rump party. Far from closing the gap, as most commentators (including me) expected, they have been slipping back. Scottish voters want change. They are no longer interested in the minutiae of a debate which they have heard replayed ad nauseam. That can wait, they believe, until after the election. But now, they just want to get on with the process of reform.

The indications are that not only Forsyth, but Ian Lang and possibly Malcolm Rifkind could lose their seats (the Foreign Secretary is said to be hanging on "by his fingertips" in Edinburgh Pentiands). Other ministers, such as Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, are under threat too.

the Tories are reduced to just four or five seats, is will be bad news not just for them, but for Scotland. A healthy opposition party is going to be vital over the next few months as Labour's referendum Bill on devolution is debated. And later. in the run-up to a Scottish parliament itself, the acerbic and pointed questioning of a Michael Forsyth would help to keep the government on its toes and to ensure that when home rule is finally delivered, we end up with an efficient and workable scheme Best of all, would be for the new parliament to have Mr Forsyth as amember, which would greatly increase its entertainment value. Whatever one's view of his politics, there is no doubting his commitment to Scotland and his understanding of its dynamics. He has often made himself unpopular by asking inconvenient questions, but they have usually been questions that needed asking. In the immediate future, however,

that is unlikely to happen. The Scottish Secretary has already ruled himself out as a participant in what he has brusquely dismissed as "a pig-my parliament". His sights are on larger targets. If he is deleated, he is likely to pick up the threads of a business career before seeking nomination for a safe Tory seat in the south. In a largely Eurosceptic party, his credentials for selection and promotion are excellent this parting gibe yesterday was: "You'll see no European flag here...") He is a future contender for the leadership. and at the age of 42, he has a big political career in front of him. He will leave a sizeable gap Neither Malcolm Rifkind, who might return to his legal career, nor lan lang, who might head for the Lords, seems likely to relish the cut and thrust of political life in a Scottish parliament. Meanwhile, the loss of its biggest guns will cause the Sconish Toxies with some soul-searching, Regaining ground will take time, but it is not impossible and help is being offered

from an unexpected quarter. The Shadow Secretary of State George Robertson, set out his vision for a Scottish parliament only last week. He pointed out that the plans offer both Tories and Scottish Nationalists an opportunity to participate on even terms with Labour. They would enjoy a status and representation in Scot-land far more prominent than under the present system. It would be healthy for everyone if they did-so. And if that transpired, who knows, it P·H·S might even tempt back Mr Forsyth:
Every oyster needs its grant of sand.

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First blossom

FOR CHERIE BOOTH, the real decision tomorrow will not concern what designer outfit to wear for the afternoon trip to Buckingham Palace if Tony Blair becomes Prime Minister — but whether she should go to the Palace at all.

There are those who hope — and indeed expect — that she will follow the example of Violet Attlee, Margot Asquith and Lady Dorothy Macmillan and stay out of sight. "My hunch", says a senior source in the party, "is that she will not go

along with Tony."

Buckingham Palace staff believe that the spouses of Prime Ministhe Palace on the first day. They embarrass royal officials, who do not quite know what to do with them while the new boss does business with Her Majesty, other than offer them tea and the lower grade of Palace bisuits.

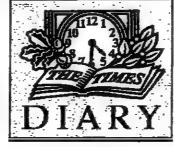
Harold Wilson took his reluctant wife Mary along to the Palace in October 1964 in an attempt to boost his folksy image. Palace footmen

were mortified. Since then. Audrey Callaghan, Denis Thatcher and Norma Major have all traipsed along behind their victorious partners. The

business side of things," says the Palace, "but they can see the Queen after the meeting is over. It is a matter of personal choice. Despite Palace sentiment and her independent manner. Cherie Booth will perhaps find the opportunity to impress Her Majesty from the start simply impossible to resist.



Cherie: what to do?



 Extravagant plans to celebrate election night with fireworks at Canary Wharf have been abandoned on safety grounds by The Mirror. It had hoped to launch £10,000-worth of blue, red and yellow rockets, and to top off the night with a setpiece in red featuring a grinning Tony Blair. "It was deemed too dangerous," says the Editor, Piers Morgan.

Hoop-la

IN THE SKY above John Major's home in Great Stukeley today, a pilot with a bi-plane hopes to inspire voters to plump for the man. He plans to draw a smiling face in the sky while performing a couple of victorious loop-the-loops.

More Biggles than Ginger, the anonymous pilot first caught the attention of the public when he

buzzed Sandringham at Christmas and painted one of his happy faces above its lawns: "I am doing it over John Major's home because I don't know where Blair lives - and because I am a Tory," he shouts. "I've got to do it now because it would probably have to be a sad face on Friday."

Maidens over PITY the man who is forced to field a team for the Lords and Commons cricket team on polling day. The task has fallen to Lord Green-

FLORIST

"I'm returning this:

way's brother. Mervin Greenway, for the annual tussle against a challenging Roedean girls' XI. On Tuesday, when the team played Westminster School and secured a draw, not a Commoner could be found, although Sir Nich-

pads for an elegant turn at the Peigning little interest in the election after being ousted from his seat in favour of Alan Clark, he will be playing again today. A tip for the girls: one mention from your wicketkeeper of Kensington and Chelsea should put him off his

olas "Scotch" Scott pulled on his

Hard pressed

ON THE EVE of the election, John Major appeared to be cross with the press. Visiting London's Dock-lands on Tuesday, he was trailed by the best of the British media, who faithfully reported his speech. While they were still writing, how-ever, he sped off back to central London, and so did his press bus. Nearly 20 journalists were left stranded in Docklands, a community which may well be the Tory dream but isn't a place to be dumped in late at night.

● Those on the trail of the most exclusive of election-night parties



should keep an eye on where Lady Sarah Chatto heads this evening. Today, the delightful daughter of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon celebrates her 33rd birthday, and is said to be planning dinner in west London — with not a politician in sight. "It would be preposterous to divulge what she's doing," says her father Lord Snowdon, a master of discretion, "birthdays are private affairs.", -



VOTE WITH RELISH

For today, indifference should be off the table

This is the day on which the tables are that the parties are all alike is also a turned not Labour against Tory but the delusion. Whatever the policy convergence governed against the governors. On this day politicians, from the Prime Minister downwards, are our servants not our masters: Those many Britons who have experienced iob insecurity in the past five years can enjoy watching the same fear of redundancy flitting over the faces of politicians, MPs have had to resign their jobs and reapply and many are rightly anxious.

Anyone who has ever railed against the arrogance of politicians should savour this moment and vote with relish. All those who have ever shouted at the television screen should use their political voice today. Politicians may often act as if they cared little about the opinions of the many. Polling day, is our only chance to fight back. It is accountability in action.

A vote is the most precious right that a citizen possesses, a right for which millions have died. Women in Britain have had it for only 69 years. Memories are truly short when so many can disdain the sufferings of the suffragettes who gave their lives for that vote. Apartheid in South Africa could be maintained only because blacks were deprived of the right to vote. The sight of those shuffling queues for polling stations, packed with blacks and whites alike, patiently waiting for hours in the heat and dust, will be an enduring memory of this decade. The sacrifice and dignity with which they won the vote should be a severe rebuke to those in. Britain today who cannot be bothered to tick.

Not to vote in this, or any, election is not a statement. It is a failure. Politicians learn. nothing from abstentions. They take notice only of the percentage of votes cast. To claim be absent for this one day is indifference.

of the past few years, there are still stark differences between the parties and between their candidates. No voter can expect an exact fit between personal beliefs and party manifestos. But one template will surely match a little better than another. The difference, however small, should be enough to earn a vote.

Voting is a civic duty, and all the more so when the transfer of power is at stake. Usually voters lend governments power for five years and expect it back intact at the end of the term. But in the past two Parliaments, power that was merely on loan to politicians has been given away irredeemably to Brussels. This is a principle about which all voters should feel aggrieved. "When moral principles, rather than persons, are candidates for power, to vote is to perform a moral duty, and not to vote is to neglect a duty." Thus spoke Thomas Paine; thus is the

truth teday. Between this election and the next, the principle of the single currency, with all the loss of sovereignty that it entails, may be decided upon. Those of our readers who care more about this momentous choice than about any other issue should express their will at the ballot box by using our guide to

sceptical voting on page 11. Some of our readers will use the guide for opposite effect because they are in favour of greater integration. Some will vote for principles, some for parties and some for people. However they vote, the action itself will have been worthwhile. The ballot paper may be marked in enthusiasm, in fury or in resignation. But the one emotion that should

PHONEY WAR

Car phones are here to stay but they should be hands-off

The call by the Royal Society for the - would be impractical and unnecessary. But Prevention of Accidents for a ban on drivers using mobile phones deserves extensive examination and debate: It has the support of road safety experts, including repre-sentatives from the Department of Transport, the Association of Chief Police Officers and the motoring industry. And it follows two recent cases in which a driver was found guilty of causing an accident while using his:

mobile phone. The society found what is increasingly obvious to anyone who has seen drivers with a phone to one ear, swerving, cutting corners and braking dangerously: concentration is: reduced, normal reaction time slowed and control of the car impaired when a driver is in animated conversation with only one hand on the steering wheel. Both hands are needed to steer while indicating, changing

🗣 gear or turning on wipers. 🦿 There are other ways of jeopardising safety while driving - inserting tapes, lighting a cigarette or turning round to reprove children - but those who, in addition, cradle a telephone on their shoulder while overtaking on the motorway are courting disaster. There are as yet no definitive statistics on accidents caused by phone use, but a Canadian study suggests that they are 20 per cent more likely among those using mobile phones.

The law at present does not specifically ban the use of phones, but it gives police. wide-ranging powers to act against anyone driving without due care and attention. In practice, that allows them to pull over phone users and caution or charge them. A new law banishing phones from cars altogether

much can be done within the existing law. In particular, courts should treat phone use, like alcohol, as a clear contributory cause to an accident. Fines could be increased, drivers banned from the road and police and insurers would find it easier to attribute blame in an accident. A road culture could be inculcated that would regard phone use as unacceptable as intoxication or driving without seat beits.

RoSPA argues that all phone conversations are a distraction. Cars, it says, should not be regarded as mobile offices. In an age when executives waste hours in traffic jams, such sentiments will fall on deaf ears. An mitial compromise, therefore, might be to insist that only hands-off phones should be

Phone users insist that making a call is no more dangerous than speaking to a passenger or listening to the radio. They are wrong. Drivers - and passengers - tend to nause in conversation if road conditions demand sudden concentration. They can listen to the radio with only half an ear. But when telephoning they are likely to be far more distracted, imagining themselves in a different environment, concentrating on what are usually weightier and more demanding conversations and unable to fall silent at crucial moments.

Road accidents have been failing steadily over the years and Britain now has one of the most enviable records in Europe. No one should want this aid to personal freedom and improved communication to reverse road safety trends and claim more innocent

DEEP MYSTERY

Kasparov takes humanity's side against the computer

Men live in uneasy truce with their machines. We like to see them as obedient. servants: the word "robot" derives from the term for a peasant's labour services in the feudal Holy Roman Empire. But, like any master, we secretly fear our mechanical slaves. From the fantastical fictions of Rabbi Loew's Golem and Frankenstein's monster to the modern reality of this silicon century. the ghost in the machine still makes our flesh creep. And inside most of us there is a

little bit of a Luddite waiting to get out. On Saturday the World Chess Champion. Garry Kasparov, will begin his second sixgame match against the computer Deep Blue, Last year, after losing the first game, Kasparov took the series 4-2. Since then, Deep Blue has doubled its calculating capacity from 500 million to a billion positions a second. Such is the complexity of chess, however, that even this increase probably amounts only to a modest extension of the computer's vision. Perhaps more. usefully, the Deep Blue team will have benefited from the advice of a grandmaster, Joel Benjamin, who has tried to inculcate the crucial strategic ideas which mere number-

crunching cannot replicate. Kasparov, too, has been limbering up to defend the honour of the human race. If Deep Blue is the ultimate product of American genius, Kasparov may be its Russian equivalent (with a good deal of help from his Armenian-Jewish parentage). Having held his title for 12 years, he recently reasserted his claim to be the greatest chess master of all time with a record-breaking string of tournament victories. Having vanquished his contemporaries, Kasparov may reign supreme for a few years before he is dethroned, perhaps by the 14-year-old

French prodigy, Etienne Bacrot, the youngest grandmaster in history.

In the meantime Kasparov relishes Deep Blue's challenge. By the end of last year's match, the champion had discovered how to deny the computer the chance to deploy its awesome tactical powers. He steered it defily into closed positions where his intuitive feel for the game enabled him to gain the upper hand by the patient accumulation of advantages. An entirely different style of chess has evolved in response to the challenge of the computer.

Will this be enough to defeat Deep Blue Mark 2? Our learned chess correspondent, Raymond Keene, predicts another victory for Kasparov, again by 4-2 Whatever happens, it will be a colossal triumph for the new computer culture: an imprecedented 16 million Internet "hits," are predicted in the

course of the match. Eventually, though, even Kasparov may succumb. What would that prove? Chess resembles many other human mental activities: it was, of course, originally a simulacrum for war. The implications for neuroscience are legion. But the fact that artificial microchips can outperform human neurones does not mean we are redundant. There are more things in heaven, if not on Earth, than are dreamt of in the computer's philosophy. Deep Blue assuredly is not a genuine artificial intelligence: in essence, it is a gigantic abacus. As long as the microchip mind obeys the laws of mathematics. it will still be subordinated to mankind's purposes. When we play God with our own inventions, we use maths to persuade ourselves that we are still in control. Fortunately, God's own ways with His creations are more mysterious - and more generous.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Certainty of continuing change in European Union

From Mr Roger Vincent

Sir. History tells us that three times in the last two centuries we have led campaigns to save Europe from the creation of a dictatorial, imperial or federal superstate, it never ceases to amaze me to hear politicians, journalists and academics talking of irreversible decisions within the European

The only thing that is certain is continuing change. The record of artifi-cial unions of nations held together without underlying popular support is not good. Even after two hundred years in a predominantly mono-lingual culture, the strains within the United Kingdom are causing prob-

Hopefully the eventual break up of the EU will not be as difficult as those of the USSR and Yugoslavia. I woted to remain in the Common Market, not for the present concept of the European Union. Perhaps we can look forward, one day, to the creation of a truly global common market.

Yours faithfully, R. H. VINCENT, Parkside, West Bagborough, Taunton, Somerset,

From Mr B. D. J. Walsh

Sir. You have performed a public service in emphasising the importance, in the coming election, of the European question, and in publishing the names of the Eurosceptic candidates of each of the main parties. The other issues in the election, such as health, education and pensions, are important, but it is extremely doubtful whether any party, however sincere in its aims, will be able to give effect to them within a European federal state.

Yours faithfully, B. D. J. WALSH, The Old Rectory, Burgate, Diss, Norfolk, April 28. From Lord Mackenzie-Stuart

Sir, May I break the sound tradition of judicial abstinence from political involvement and ask your readers to vote for the candidate who most favours doser European integration.

Of course, the European Union has many imperfections and its activities require the closest scrutiny, but it is far better than what went before. I have no time for its critics who never saw shattered London or the devastated ruins of the Ruhr - and I saw both at first hand. Even at the age of 19, I was determined that this should not happen again. The European Union is our bulwark against such an

Yours faithfully. MACKENZIE-STUART (President, Court of Justice of the European Communities, 1984-88), Le Garidel, Gravières, 07140 Les Vans, France. April 30.

From Viscount Exmouth

Sir, A Labour victory would seriously endanger the health of the nation.

Is the United Kingdom ready for constitutional changes to the House of Lords which could go so far as to bring into question the validity of the monarchy? Proposed devolution would lead to fragmentation of the British Isles, and an irrevocable commitment to a European federal union would, I believe, amount to the sequestration of our national liberty.

indeed, is the country about to elect the perpetrators of bloodless revo-

Yours faithfully. EXMOUTH (Crossbencher)

From Mr Geoffrey Mayger

Sir, Your editorial decision to support Eurosceptic candidates rather than a particular political party is to be applauded (leading article, April 29). Last night, on hearing the news, we in

the St Albans Referendum Party were delighted. However, your article expresses support for Sir George Gardiner and Sir James Goldsmith, and for no other Referendum Party candidates. What, then, if the Referendum Party is fielding the only Eurosceptic can-

have a UKIP candidate opposing us. As the sole Eurosceptic presence in this constituency we feel strongly that, in all fairness, we also qualify for your

didate? We in St Albans do not even

Yours sincerely.
GEOFFREY MAYGER (Constituency Organiser, Referendum Partyl. 22 Ragged Hall Lane. St Albans, Hertfordshire. April 29.

From Mr Peter Jenkins

Sir, Why all the importance on whether there are 50 or 300 candidates, elected into the next Parliament, who have already said no to a single currency?

The important point surely is that all parties have promised a referendum, so the matter will be ultimately decided by the people.

A more pressing point to many is how to repatriate the powers already ceded to Brussels. The answer is, of course, to withdraw from the EU - a solution that 50 per cent of the electorate agrees with, as does the UK Independence Party.

make a party political issue about

Unhappily all the three main polit-

Real security is not a matter of

having better weapons and stronger

forces than other countries. Thus are

arms races started. In an increasingly

interdependent world it means collec-

tive action in terms of conflict preven-

tion as well as conflict resolution.

Many of the threats which face our

world today, ranging from poverty to

In 1982 Olof Palme's commission

produced a report entitled Common

Security. It should be read again. That

was the hope and vision of those who

signed the United Nations Charter in

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

poliution, have no multary solutions Indeed the military are often part of

ical parties are wedded to concepts of

security which have long passed their

what today is defined as defence.

sell-by date.

the problem.

Yours faithfully. BRUCE KENT.

Vice-President.

April 24.

Yours faithfully. PETER JENKINS (Parliamentary Candidate, UK Independence Party (West Dorseth, Westrow Farm, Holwell, Nr Sherborne, Dorset.

Ex-Tories as Lib Dems

From Mr Richard Cross

Sir. In the letter from ex-Tory Liberal Democrats (April 28) David Dear should not have styled himself as "Councillor, Bromley". On April 18, 1996, he was roundly defeated by the Conservative candidate in the byelection his defection provoked. All true Conservatives, one-nation Tories included, value loyalty. The British people, I believe, are only made uneasy by turncoats.

RICHARD CROSS, Greenwood. Bickley Park Road, Bickley, Kent.

From Mr Michael J. Howe

Sir, The letter from Emma Nicholson and others prompts me to ask if, in the next Parliament, a Bill could be introduced requiring that MPs and counciliors elected to represent one party should be required to stand for reelection if they change parties.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL J. HOWE. 22 The Stanfords, East Street, Epsom, Surrey.

View from academe

From Sir Alan Peacock

Sir, There are two things wrong with the letter from Dr Halpern and his academic confreres (April 28): First, they under-estimate our intelli-

gence, taking up the rear in a discussion of political issues with which readers will be all too familiar, if only from reading your correspondence

Secondly, they proffer thinly-veiled political propaganda, relying on the authority of temporary incumbency of exalted academic positions. This is an abuse of office.

Yours faithfully. ALAN PEACOCK 146/4 Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh 9.

But is it art?

From Mr Ian Rae

Sir, After Monday's attempt by Melvyn Bragg to draw an analogy be-tween football and ballet, his reputation as a serious thinker stares relegation in the face.

Football supporters turn out on cold, wet Saturday afternoons not to admire feats of callisthenics, but to abuse the opposing team and its supporters, and likewise their own team and management if they fail to

Football will never be an art form, let alone a "game", it started with gangs of medieval yobs lighting over a bundle of rags, and it will never have the element of warfare sanitised out of it by academic studies.

In the only Swan Lakes I've ever seen the cygnets all wear the same colour shirts and there is no brawling outside the theatre afterwards.

IAN RAE, 1257 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham.

Defence policy From Mr A. B. Ratcliffe

Sir, We have been bombarded almost without respite recently by the views of politicians on the wisdom or folly of becoming more involved with the rest of Europe and sharing in a common систенсу. Much of the opposition seems to be

based on nostalgia for a past that can almost certainly never return and for most people probably did not exist in What I have yet to see or hear men-tioned by any politician is that we are

being pushed into the eastward expansion of Nato, something potentially far more significant. Yours faithfully,

A. B. RATCLIFFE. 38 Bradwell Road, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire,

From the Vice-President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

Sir, fain Duncan Smith (article, "Defence: silence is sinister". April 23) is not on strong ground in trying to

Dimbleby interview

From Group Captain H. B. Verity. DSO and bar, DFC. RAF (retd)

Sir, Nicholas Wapshott (TV Watch, April 29, later editions) describes David Dimbleby as a "monstrous inquisitor" interviewing the Prime Minister on Panorama.

I found his "blistering interroga-tion", unrelieved by a single courteous word, quite intolerable. Dear old Richard Dimbleby would be shocked. Interviewers with better manners like Sir David Frost or Jim Naughtie are much more effective.

hugh verity. 17 Jocelyn Road, Richmond, Surrey. April 29.

Northern Ireland

From the Chairman of the North Down Conservative Association

Sir, Your election guide on Northern Ireland (April 25) was excellent and summed up as well as possible in the space provided the problems that bedevil us, with the exception of a couple of points.

You state that neither the Conservatives nor Labour are "seriously trying to secure representation" here. In this you are wrong in regard to both

Labour are not trying at all. They seek to govern us and yet refuse to put candidates up. To the best of my knowledge, this part of the United Kingdom remains the one part of the world from which you cannot join the Labour Party. On the other hand, no one seriously

doubts for a second the personal commitment of John Major to Northern Ireland. Furthermore, the support and encouragement given by Central Office to Conservatives in Northern Ireland over the last year in general. and to our candidates for this election in particular, have been absolutely outstanding. Their commitment is there, as is ours.

Yours faithfully. J. ROBERTSON, Chairman, North Down Conservative Association. 2 May Avenue, Bangor, Co Down.

Labour 'war book' From Mr Bill Kearns

162 Holloway Road, N7.

Sir. The Labour Party must be very grateful to Dr Mawhinney for drawing our attention to the Labour election "war book" (report and summary, April 24).

The summary clearly sets out the advantage to be gained by voting Labour. It is to be hoped that the party will in due course acknowledge Dr Mawhinney's contribution to its suc-

Yours sincerely, BILL KEARNS, 11 Court Royal Mews. Northlands Road, Southampton, Hampshire. April 24.

Opinion polls

From the Chairman of MORI Sir. I have never been a fan of Wood-

row Wyatt. Today, writing more from prejudice than from fact ("Don't be duped by the polls", he misleads his readers to believe that "in the 1902 election, polls showed a clear Labour victory". They didn't; all five polls published on election day pointed to a hung Parliament.

Further, Wyatt states that "when asked how they had voted, the majority said Labour. They didn't, the exit poll for the BBC forecast a 4 per cent Tory lead, the exit poll for ITN forecast 5 per cent for the Conservatives.

Hardly "the majority said Labour". In five of the last six general elections, MORI's final poll has been within I per cent of the share for each party. In 1992, we were out by 4 per cent and 5 per cent for the Tory and Labour share, but it wasn't good enough and we hope to be much closer to our previous record on Friday.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT M. WORCESTER Chairman, MORI. 32 Old Queen Street, SWI. April 29.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

One-woman band versus MOB rule

From Baroness Falkender

Sir, May I make one or two comments on the piece today entitled Tony's friends plan MOB [mates of Blair]

There can be no comparison be-tween Mr Blair's office today and the Wilson office. In 1964 Harold Wilson had only one principal aide, myself. We had the services of a part-time private secretary - very intelligent and efficient, and one office junior. There was no press secretary. I was, therefore, in the sense and style of your piece, Jonathan Powell, Peter Mandelson, Anji Hunter and Alastair Campbell rolled into one. I had to cover all those roles by myself on a very modest

salary indeed. The Wilson office operated on a shoestring. There were no public funds in those days for the Leader of the Opposition's office. Party head-quarters provided very frugal assistance and only tiny amounts were

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available from other sources. The Blair office is awash with money. It has a large state subvention - taxpayers' money - contributions from political sources and allied organisations, and a very substantial private blind trust to fund its operations. The Blair campaign has been professionally superb and so it should be with such resources at its disposal. I salute them and for their good fortune in being fully funded. It has been beyond the wildest dreams of the Wil-

son office. When Harold Wilson went into No 10 in 1964 there was no separate political presence there, no political office or position of Political Secretary to the Prime Minister. My role in 1964 was to create, set up and organise a political office which I did and it has re-mained part of the No 10 structure since. I was succeeded as political sec-

relary by Douglas Hurd, Tom McNally, Richard Ryder and others. We were only able to recruit a press secretary - because of funding diffi-culties - in 1965 when Gerald Kaufman was appointed in time for the

1906 election. Eighty per cent of a prime minister's time is spent on Government, only at most 20 per cent on his political role as leader of his party. The Civil Service runs No 10 and Whitehall. It is therefore not going to be easy for those described in your article to seize more of his time and fanciful to suggest they plan MOB rule.

Yours sincerely, MARCIA FALKENDER. House of Lords. April 30.

Victory anthem?

From Mr Robert Gardener

Sir, Mr David Powell (letter, April 28) asks why your correspondents should assume that the Church of England has "got it right" on anthems for the general election "when it seems to have got almost everything else wrong

in the past 50 years". Should one assume, therefore, that he was appointed Parish Clerk of St Dunstan-in-the-West prior to 1947?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT GARDENER (Organ Scholar, All Saints', Northallerton). 17 Grenadier Drive. Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Bluebells strike back

From Mr Paul Roberts

Sir You report that bluebells are easily damaged by the tread of feet (Mind and matter, April 28). But what about the tread of feet being easily damaged by the bluebells? My glissade on a patch of the little blighters has left me with a broken leg for the last six weeks.

Yours sincerely. PAUL ROBERTS, 56 Barley Way, Stanway, Colchester, Essex.

Chips with everything From Mr David Fisher

Sir, Your correspondents today, who write in praise of the contribution made by the silicon chip to job creation, are unlikely to agree with an American expert on business administration, Professor Warren Bennis, quoted in New Work Habits for a

Radically Changing World (Price Pritchett, Pritchett & Associates, 1994). The professor forecast that the factory of the future will have only two employees, a man and a dog. The man will be there to feed the dog. The dog will be there to keep the man from

touching the equipment. Yours faithfully. DAVID FISHER. 50 Valley Drive, Brighton, East Sussex. April 28.

From Mr John Dean

Sir, Flight Lieutenant M. Rubenstein (letter, April 28) has obviously not heard of the microchip manufacturer who was so successful he had to move to smaller premises.

JOHN DEAN, 2 Wharton Road, Headington, Oxford.



COURT CIRCULAR

Business Leaders Forum, today

attended a Seminar and Reception

April 30: The Duke of Gloucester,

Patron, The Royal Pioneer Corps

Association, this morning received

Major General Geoffrey Field on

relinquishing the appointment of President of the Association and

Brigadier John Hickman on assuming the appintment.

CEF, this morning visited Masakhane Farm School, Honey-

dew, Johannesburg, South Africa. Her Royal Highness today called upon The President of the

Republic of South Africa at the

The Duchess of Kent this after

noon visited Witkoppen School

Fourways, Witkoppen, Johannes

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 30: Princess Alexandra,

accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir

Angus Ogilvy, today opened the new headquarters of Land Rover

North America in Lanham,

Her Royal Highness and the Rt

Hon Sir Angus Ogilyy later at-tended a Dinner given by Land Rover North America at the Cos-

mos Club, Massachusetts Avenue,

Washington, Princess Alexandra was repre-

sented by Mrs Peter Afia at the

Memorial Service for Lady Norton which was held today in Christ Church, Victoria Road, London

Union Building, Pretoria.

RICHMOND PARK

KENSINGTON PALACE

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 30: The Duchess of Kent. Patron, UK Committee for UNI-

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a parade in Regent's Park to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of the naming of The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and were received by the Master Gunner, St James's Park (Field Marshal the Lord Vincent of Coleshill), the Major General Commanding Household Division (Major General Iain Mackay-Dick) and the Director Royal Artillery (Brigadier Mark Douglas-Wirhe

las-Withers).

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, inspected the

Later The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained to Luncheon in the Officers' Mess, St John's Wood Barracks, London

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening presented the Associ-ation for Science Education certificates to the 1997 Science Scholars and attended a Dinner at the Royal Society. Carlton House Terrace.

April 30: The Princess Royal this morning presented the Schools Curriculum Awards at the Barbican Centre, London EC2. Her Royal Highness, Patron,

this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at the Royal College of Nursing, Cavendish Square, London W1. The Princess Royal, Patron, Development Trust (for the Men-

tally Handicapped), this evening attended a Dinner at Wilton Terrace, London SWI. ST JAMES'S PALACE April 30: The Prince of Wales.

Today's royal

engagements

Hotel at 12.30.

House at 10.10pm.

Appointment

Service appointment.

The Duke of York will attend the

Soldlers', Sailors' and Airmen's

Families Association - Forces Help

Floral Luncheon at the Savoy

Princess Margaret will launch a programme of landscape improve-

ments surrounding the statue of

Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens at 3.00; and will attend the Royal

Caledonian Ball at the Grosvenor

Mr Colin Munro to be Ambas

sador to Croatia from late August

or early September in succession to

Mr Gavin Hewitt who will be

moving to a new Diplomatic

425th Anniversary

of The Buffs

On May Day 1572, Captain Thomas Morgan and 300 volun-teers from the City of London, were reviewed by Queen Elizabeth I at Greenwich before going to Hol-land to help the Dutch in their war of independence from Spain. Thereafter, four regiments of English and Weish volunteers served in the Dutch armies until the Angio-Dutch war of 1665. Those officers and men who refused to serve against their own country returned to England, where they were remustered by King Charles II as The Holland Regiment of Foot, later known as Prince George of Denmark's Regiment and finally as The Butts (Roya. East Kent Regiment) 3rd of Foot.

Veteri Frondescit Hangre.

Birthdays today

Sir Andrew Armstrong, colonial administrator, 90; Mr Naim Attallah, publisher, 66; Earl Bath-

urst, 70: Mr John Beicher, chief executive, Anchor Trust, 50; Sir Richard Brooke, chartered accountant, 82: Mr Steve Cauthen. jockey, 37; Mr Ian Curteis, play-wright, 62; Lord Dahrendorf, 68; Sir Henry de Waal. QC, 66; Mr D.R. du Croz, former Headmaster. Ellesmere College, Shropshire, 50; Mr David Freeman, opera and theatre director, 45; Dr M. entry University, 58: Sir Irvine Goulding, former High Court judge, \$7: Mr Joseph Heller, author, 74; Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, 60; Mr K. Kennedy.

Lady Sarah Chamo celebrates her former chairman, Philips UK, 60: 33rd birthday today.

Sir Andrew Armstrong, colonial

former chairman, Philips UK, 60: Professor Philip King, sculptor, 63: Miss Joanna Lumley, actress, 51: Sir Bruce MacPhail, manu director, P & C, SR: Mr Julian Mitchell, writer, 62: Mr Archie Norman, chairman, Asda Group, A3: Mr Paul Oakley-White, Honor-ary Consul for Russia, 61; Dame Felicity Peake, first director, WRAF, 84; Sir Bob Reid, chair-man, Sears, 63; Sir Lindsay Ring, former Lord Mayor of London, 83; Sir Graville Spratt former Lord Sir Greville Spratt, former Lord Mayor of London, 70; Miss Una Stubbs, actress, 60; Miss Wendy Toye, theatrical producer, 80; Miss Maysie Webb, former deputy director, British Museum, 74; Sir John Wheeler, MP, 57; Admiral Sir John Woodward, 65; Mr Antony Worrall-Thompson, restaurateur

School news

King's College School edon Centenary Service The School celebrates today the centenary of its move from The College in the Strand with a Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey. Among the guests will be the Principal of King's College, Professor Arthur Lucas, and other representatives of The College. The Right Rev Roy Williamson, Bishop of Southwark, will give an address. Mr Robin Reeve, Head Master, and James Butler, Captain of School, will read the lessons. Prayers and intercessions will be led by members of the Junior and Senior Schools. The Jubilate will be sung to a setting composed for the Service by Michael Zev Gordon, Old Boy of the

Mariborough College Marlborough College announces the following Scholarship and Exhibition awards for September 1997:

Major Academic Scholarship: Tiffany Sherrington, Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School. Minor Music Scholarships: Stephanie Shoolingin-Jordan, South Wilts Grammar School; Liza Hammerton, The Royal Latin

Janilar Awards
Major Acadessic Scholarships: Clare
Walson, Orwell Park: Hugh
Hobhouse, Parleigh School; Venetia
Ansell, Port Regis School.
Misor Acadessic Schools
Wirginia Brown, The Dragon School;
Thomas Freeman, Old Buckenham
Hall School; Oliver Hexail. The
Dragon School; Louisa Carmichael,
Edgeborough. Jooker Awards

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Academic Exhibitions: Rachel
Dickie, Clifton Preparatory School;
Gregory Hannan, Holmewood
House; Thomas Hill, Abberiey Hall. Art Scholarship: Christopher Gourlay, Westbourne House. Ari Scholarship: Christopher Gourlay, Westbourne House.
Art Exhibition: Alexander Walnwright, The Old Malihouse, Major Music Scholarship: Eleanor Pontal, Port Regis School.
Minor Music Scholarship: Eleanor Porser, Salisbury Cathedral School: Peter Hammerton. Swanbourne House School.
Music Exhibitions: Harry Palmer, Durstan House: Robin Pontikowski, Walhampton: Amy Draper, Chalyn Grove School.

Service dinner

Ean Midlands Universities Air Squadron

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison. Air Member for Logistics and AOC-in-C Logistics Command, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron held last night at Nottingham University.

Squadron Leader J.Q. Hallwood, Commanding Officer, presided. Senior academic mem-bers of the affiliated universities and members of the Military Education Committee attended.

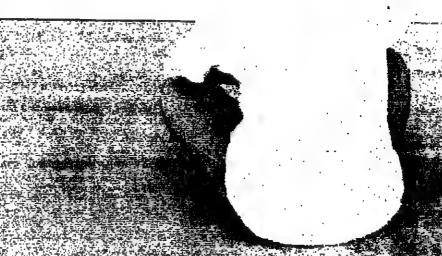
Dinners Bowvers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a ladies dinner given by the Bowyers' Company last night at the Mansion House. Mr Peter Begent, Master, Mr Michael Whittaker. Mr Hubert Chesshyre, Clarenceux King of Arms, were the

speakers.
The Right Rev David and Mrs Jenkins and the Governor of HM Tower of London and Mrs Fleld were among the guesis. Chief Constables' Club

The Hon Douglas Hurd, CH, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Chief Constables' Club held last night at Guildhall. Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan





A visitor studies David Hockney's 30 Sunflowers at Annely Juda Fine Art. London, where an exhibition of the artist's work, Flowers, Faces and Spaces, opens today and continues until July 19

Emperor, founder of the Haps-

France, military engineer, St Le-

ger-Vauban, 1633; Joseph Addison,

James C. Mangan, poet, Dublin, 1803; Hilaire, Comte de

Chardonnet, pioneer of rayon manufacture, Besançon, France,

DEATHS: Dermot MacMurrough,

King of Leinster 1126-71, Ireland, 1171; John Dryden, Poet Laurente

1668-88, London, 1700; David

Livingstone, explorer, Chitambo, Zambia, 1873; Antonin Dvorák,

composer, Prague, 1904; Sir Eb-enezer Howard, pioneer of garden cides, Welwyn Garden City, 1928;

Josef Goebbels, Nazi war criminal.

committed suicide, Berlin, 1945;

William Fox, film producer, New York, 1952; Ayrton Senna, racing

The Union of England and Scot-

"Penny Black" stamps were issued for the first time, 1840.

The Great Exhibition in Hyde

President Hoover opened the 102-

storey Empire State Building in New York, 1931.

driver, San Marino, 1994.

land was proclaimed, 1707.

Park opened, 1851.

Luncheon

Carlton Club Mr Robert Worcester, Chairman of Mori, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton

Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the political committee, presided. Sir Cecil Burney also spoke.

Reception Healey & Baker

The Partners of Healey & Baker were host to a cocktall reception to mark the retirement from the firm Ballroom at Claridge's last evening. The Senior Pariner, Mr Paul Orchard-Lisie, CBE, TD, DL, and the Right Hon Lord Swaythling Winfield also spoke.

University news Cambridge

Emmanuel College Dr M Gross, Fellow of Emmanuel College and Lecturer and Director of Studies in Economics, has been appointed Burser from May 13.

Election

Mr John W. Mills has been elected President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors.

Anniversaries

Church of Scotland Ordination and induction BIRTHS: Rudolf I, Holy Roman The Rev Susan M Anderson to St burg dynasty, Schloss Limburg, Germany, 1218; Sebastian Le Prestre de Vauban, Marshal of John's Onthank, Kilmarnock The Rev Mary C Shaw, Associate at Old Gourock and Ashton. Controck Induction essayist, Milston, Wiltshire, 1672; Arthur Wellesley, ist Duke of Wellington, Field Marshal, Prime Minister 1828-30, Dublin, 1769;

The Rev Evelyn M Young, to Kilmun St Munn's with Strone and Ardentinny

Introduction The Rev Roderick H McNidder, to full-time chapiain at South Ayrshire Hospital NHS Trust

The Rev Ramsay B Shields, from Fordyce to St Luke's, Milngavie The Rev David R Black, from Greyfriars, Dumfries, to Poliokshields, Glasgow The Rev Thomas M McWilliam, The Rev Rodrick H McNidder from Southend

The Rev Keith M Steven, from Lochwood, Glasgow The Rev David C MacFarlane, from Eddleston with Peebles Old The Rev Stuart F A Pryce, from St

Lincoln's Inn

George's, Dumirles

Dr David Arthur Thomas, QC (hon), has accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn with effect from April

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.M.E. Calvert and Miss F.H. Barnes

DAVID GILES

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Keith Calvert, of Rokemarsh, Oxfordshire, and Mrs James Cookson, of Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roderick Barnes, of Harrogate. North Yorkshire. Mr C.X.S. Fenwick

and Mrs D.G.F. Nickerson The engagement is announced between Charles Fenwick, of Barhams Manor, Higham, Suffolk, and Sara, widow of David Nickerson; of Ladbroke Terrace. London.

Mr M. Judge and Miss C.R. Underwood The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Judge, of Canter-bury, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Underwood, of Mr P.C.W. Presiden

and Mint S.A. Max The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Commander and Mrs William Pressdee, of New Malden, Surrey. and Sally, elder daughter of Minand Mrs John Max, of Shabbington, Buckinghamshire. Mr M.D. Rhodes

and Miss R.H. Linnecar
The engagement is announced between Matthew David. elder son of Mr and Mrs David Rhodes, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire, and Rebecca Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Linnecar, of New Malden, Surrey.

Mr A.E. Ropp and Mim T.E. Country The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Martin Rupp, of Canterbury, Kent, and Tamsin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Coombs, of Ealing, London.

Mr J.A. Spillane and Miss B.G. Saddington The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Spillane, of Knowle, Warwickshire, and Belinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Saddington, of

and Dr CJ. Batton

The engagement is announced hetween James, son of Mr Nicholas Graham, of Petham, Kent, and Mrs Susan Bower, of Compton Abbas, Dorset, and Caroline, younger daughter of Dr Christopher Bateman, of Funtington, West Sussex and the late Hilary Bateman.

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Mr R.M. Jay and Miss D.J. Trenner The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Professor and Mrs Barrie Jay, of Wimbledon, London SW19, and Deborah, daughter of Mrs Rosalynde Trenner, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, and of the late Mr

Marriages

Mr A.C. Dickens and Miss A.E. Talbot The marriage took place on Saturday, April 26, 1907, at St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas, of Mr

Church. Cerne Abbas, of Mr
Adam Dickens, son of the Revd
and Mrs Harry Dickens, to Miss
Alice Talbot, daughter of Mr and
Mrs Christopher Talbot. The Reval
Harry Dickens officiated.
The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Philippa
Shakerley Sonhie Wilson. Shakerley, Sophle Wilson, Clementine Dulley and Lonika and Josha Chande, Mr James

Melly was best man. A reception was held at Upcome Manor and the honeymoon is being spent in California.

Mr M. Graveson and Mile R.V. Curtis The marriage took place on April 26, 1997, at Newick Park. East

Sussex, between Mads Gravesen, of Dronninglund, Denmark, and Rachel Verity Curtis, of Hove, East Mr.A.J. Rixwoon

and Mrs A.M.R. Cox A service of blessing was held at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, on April 12. after the marriage at Chelsea Register Office, of Mr James Rawson, of Torquay, Devon. to Mrs Anita Cox, of Beaconsfield.

Lincoln's Inn Major awards for pupillage 1997 penning Scholarship: Jesska Chap-pell, St Hilda's College, Oxford. Kennedy ishalarship: Andrew Child, Schwyn College, Cambridge Sheiford Scholarship: Clare Turnbull, Clare College, Cambridge. Bastisam Scholarship: Simon Plaut, St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Megany Scholarship: Krista Lea Meganty Scholarship: Krista Lee, Inferrity College, Oxford History Grandson Scholarship David Scorey, St John's College, Oxford.

Scorey, St John's College, Oxford.

Sir Thomas Mays Banaries.

Dominic Adamson, Newcastle
University: David Allan, Trinsty Hall,
Cambridge, Gaby Sonham-Carter,
Manchester University: George
Branchitower, Leeds Mecropolital,
University: Edmund Burge, York
University: Romand Burge, York
University: Rupert Choat. Warwick
University: Anne-Mairie Christopher,
University: Anne-Mairie Christopher,
University of West of England: Nancy
Doober. Kings College. London:
Rachel Paux, Nordingham Treat
University: Jeremy Ford, Leed
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Oxford: Bidriey Hennessy, University
College, Oxford: Susan Hewiti,
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Hoffman, Swanges University;
Micholas Lavy, Orle College, Oxford: Nicrolas Day, Orler College, Orlord, Louis Mably, Leeds University; Helen McCorry, Queen Mary & Westfield College, London; Mark McDonald. Westminster University; Sarah Phipps, Brasenose College, Oxford: Rachel Young, Pembroke College, Oxford.

Hardwicks Estrance Scholerships. memore Michaelmas Term 1976
Dominic Adamson. of Newcaste
University: Nell Blanya, Queens'
College, Cambridge; Lias Blanda,
Marchester University: Thomas
Braithwaite, Jesus College,
Cambridge: Claire Broadbe, Leiceswe
University: Anne-Marie Christopher,
University: Of the West of England,
Bristol: Peter De Vermeull Smith,
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AMEY - On April 26th 1997
Marguerite aged 78, now
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and mother-in-law of Susan.
Service at St Andrews
Church, Surbiton on
Tuesday, 6th May at 11 am
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Hospital. Anson, died peacefully at her home in Rowledge on 29th April 1997, Greatly

29th April 1997. Greatly loved by her sons Peter and John, and by eight grandchildren and seven great-gamdchildren. Funeral at Rowineige Parish Church at 3.15 pm on Tuesday 5th May, followed by committee privately. No flowers please. Densitions should be sent to Phyllis Tunkwell Memorial Hospites, Waverley Land. Hospice, Waverley Lane, Parnham, GUP SSL ARUMDE. - Emma Blanche, at Paithful House, Cheltenham on Saturday 26th April aged 103 years. Widow of

103 years. Widow of Desmond Fitzgestall, Puneral at Cheltenham Cosmatorium on 7th May at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lies for the Red Cross may be sent clo Sellm Smith & Co. 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham, Tel: 01242 \$25383. SAREY - Ellen Lucy, Formerly of Quarrenden Street, London SW6, Passed away peacefully on April 28th at Broadcak Manor Nursing Home, Tob 01322 666150 CHRISTIAN-EDWARDS

(née Nesta Donne Pathings) aged 93 years died peacefully at Coombe on 29th April 1997. Beloved mother of Anne, Maria and 501. Funeral at Liangyang at Parish Church near Camarthen at 230pm. on Tuesday 6th May 1997. Family Howers only please. Donntions if desired to the British Legion Lianstephan Branch.

FRIEND - His Honout A. Gordon on 25th April aged 84, formerly of Ladbroke Grove, W11, at Amesbury Abbey, Witthine Puneral at 1115 on at 5t Mary and 5t Melor, Amesbury, on Wednesday 7th May. Family flowers only. GASTER - Malvina (Weenie) died peacefully at home Wednesdry 30th April aged 96. Sarvico at The Jewish Cemetery. Hoop Lane, London, at 1 pm on Priday 2nd May. No flowers.

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and loving wife, mother,
grandmother and greatgrandmother. Funeral at
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DEATHS prometab - Hugh aged 91
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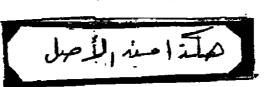
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PROFESSOR LEONARD FORSTER

Leonard Forster, FBA, Schröder Professor of German in the University of Cambridge, 1961-79, died on April 18 aged 84, He was born on March 30, 1913.

n an age of ever-increasing academic specialisation, Leonard Forster was one of the last great generalists. His responsibilities, as he saw them, were to the whole of the subject he professed, and his scholarship covered the historical span of German literature from Old High German to the present day. Poetry of all periods was a particular enthusiasm, and his valuable Penguin Book of German Verse, first published in 1957 and reprinted many times since, conveyed the range of his sympathies even to the general reader; he provided his own prose trans-lation of each poem.

A naturally talented lin-guist, he was one of the most distinguished Germanists of his generation but was equally at home in Italian. French, Latin, Dutch and Czech, Like the Renaissance humanists to whose work he was specially drawn, he was concerned with the sum of intellectual experience and endeavour. What fascinated him was the living tradition, the connections and continuities on which civilisation is built.

In a volume published in Germany in 1972 a number of 1.7 distinguished Germanists answered the question "How, why, and to what end did I become a historian of literature?". In Forster's answer (a revised version of a talk he had given on the BBC German service in 1956) there is a characteristically modest and direct statement: "Anyone who is not himself a creative mind - there are very few of these, and I know that I am not one of them - must either preserve or destroy. For me the task is to preserve everything that is

This is the true purpose that

ran through all his writings. He was almost uniquely qualified to write a great synoptic work on the European Baroque; that he never did so is a source of lasting regret to his colleagues. But he traced and proved the continuity of vital intellectual experience in the shifting patterns and crises of despair of the European tradition, and he showed how this continuity was maintained in the new perspectives of our scientific age.

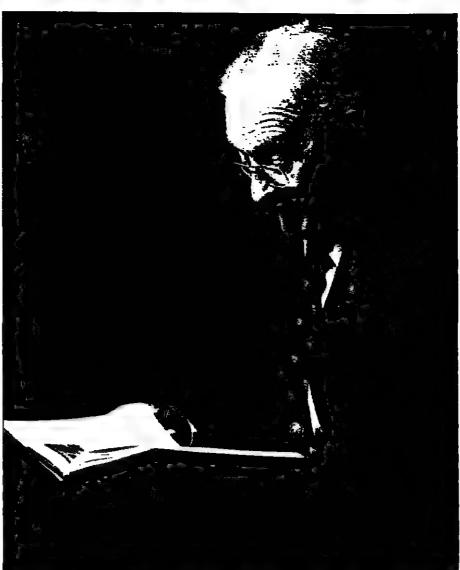
Leonard Wilson Forster was born in London. Although his impeccably elegant German and his complete familiarity with the German way of life often led to the assumption that he was of German origin, his family was entirely Eng-lish; some members of it were merchants and others served in the Indian Civil Service. From Marlborough he went

up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, as a scholar in 1931. After taking his degree he went to Germany as a Thomas Carlyle Student; in the next five years he was at the universities of Leipzig, Bonn, Königsberg and Basle.

He was thus able — through contact with Oskar Walzel. Ernst Robert Curtius and Paul Hankamer - to experience the last great flowering of German humane scholarship, even as the Nazis were trying to destroy it. He also began to explore the intellectual history of The Netherlands and Belgium, and, as Lektor at Basle, achieved real understanding of the cultural life of Switzerland.

His Basle dissertation on Georg Rudolf Weekherlin (1584-1653), a Swabian poet and diplomat who had lived in England and wrote in Latin. German, English and French. was already an important contribution to 17th-century scholarship; it also established some of the concerns that were to occupy him for the rest of his career. It was also in Basle that he met his wife.

Cambridge as a Fellow of



Selwyn and a university assistant lecturer. From 1939 to 1941 he was attached to Naval Staff Admiralty, from 1941 to 1945 to the Foreign Office, and from 1945 to 1946 was on special duties, partly in Germany, as a lieutenant-commander RNVR. He was one of several notable Germanists to have done valuable wartime intelligence work and to have been associated with the code-In 1935 Forster returned to breaking operations at

He returned to Cambridge in 1946 to become Dean of Selwyn and, in the following year, university lecturer; but in 1950 he was called to the chair of German at University College London. His inaugurai lecture. The Temper of 17th-Century German Literature, set some decisive guidelines for all subsequent research on the period. His decade at University

field but also in comparative studies. The Icy Fire: Studies in European Petrarchism (1969) and The Poet's Tongues: College was, above all. a period of inspiring and devot-Multilingualism in Literature

During his tenure of the Cambridge chair Forster continued to be co-editor of the journal German Life and Letters, to which he contributed numerous articles and re-

(1971), especially, opened up

new critical vistas.

views, and he constantly gave generous help to young schol-ars struggling with their first works for print. He delighted in foreign travel and was a most effective and welcome ambassador-at-large among the Germanists of other countries. Thus he was a visiting professor at Toronto, Heidelberg, McGill and Ota-

go; he was also a guest at

Leipzig, Prague, New York and elsewhere in the United States; and he was a frequent visitor to the University of Leiden, which conferred an honorary DLitt on him in 1975. The Gold Medal of the Goethe-Institut Munich was awarded to him in 1966. He was elected to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences and Letters in 1968, the Royal Belgian Academy of Dutch Language and Litera-ture in 1973, and the Deutsche Akademie für Sprache und

Dichtung in 1975, In 1976 he

was awarded the Grosses

Verdienstkreuz by the Federal

Republic of Germany for his

work in interpreting Germany for the British. In 1970 he became president of the International Association for Germanic Studies and took over the arduous duty of preparing for its quinquennial congress at Cambridge in 1975, which did much to ease the tensions of Germanistic scholarship at a time of some controversy about the subject's methods and future direction. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1976. in 1982, colleagues and former pupils honoured him with a Festschrift whose title. From Wolfram and Petrarch to Goethe and Grass, nicely caught the

diversity of his achievements. His wife Jeanne, a son and two daughters survive him.

JEAN HENDERSON

Jean Henderson barrister and Liberal parliamentary candidate. died on April 1 aged 97. She was born on December 18, 1899.

JEAN HENDERSON loved general elections. She fought three, although she never won. She loved the law, although she was not called to the Bar until she was 43. She became Head of Chambers in her mid-seventies and argued successfully her last case before the Court of Appeal at the age of 83.

Her part in saving Hamp-stead Garden Suburb during the property boom of the 1960s earned her the title of "Goddess of battles" among fellow fighters. She was also a keen left-handed cricketer and holiday golfer and played the violin and viola — she was a member of Vernard Robinson's chamber orchestra, the Informals.

This colourful, humorous, determined, helpful and eccentric woman was one of two daughters of John Henderson. secretary of the National Liberal Club for 20 years, and his wife Florence. Her father was a lapsed Presbyterian, her mother a strong Quaker who taught scripture at the Hall School, Weybridge. Jean Mary Henderson's education began at this inno-

vative and experimental establishment, run by her aunt, Eva Gilpin, later Lady Sadler. She wrote about it in Miss Gilpin and the Hall School (1949) and A Lasting Spring (1988).

She went next to The Mount, the Quaker School in York, leaving as head girl to take a degree in French. German and Russian at Bedford College, London Univer-sity. It qualified her to join the foreign desk on the Westminster Gazette, from which she transferred to the Daily News. another Liberal newspaper. She continued her modest journalistic career by editing a magazine for the Women's International League, She also acted as part-time secretary to the cartoonist. David Low.

She was strongly influenced by her parents. Her worship of her father attracted her to cricket and she captained the Bedford College Women's XI and played in the University of London side. She also fol-lowed his lead in taking an interest in politics (she supported the Women's Liberal Association) and literature affection of those around her (she maintained close connec-

tions with the Omar Khayam Club, of which her father had been honorary secretary for many years, and in the John-son Society and the Dickens Fellowship). She chose to re-

main in the parental home. Her life only changed when her father and mother died within a week of each other in 1938. A period of powerful mourning was the catharsis which enabled her to set out on a new career - in the law. She joined the Inner Temple in 1940 and was called to the Bar in 1943.

She was at home in a man's world. Although her first clerk was implacably against a pioneering woman barrister, she was never a feminist lawyer. "How infra dig to be accorded a seat in Chambers by virtue of a quota or ratio — and unwillingly at that!" she wrote in a letter to The Times on January 11, 1978.

Her defence work led to her being hailed as "the pin-up of the Midlands underworld" but she also prosecuted for Scotland Yard into her seventies. She served as a Justice of the Peace at Willesden (where her father had run a preparatory school) and was deputy chairman of three wages councils.

With childhood memories of a father working in the Liberal Party Publications Department when the drama of the Parliament Bill curbing the House of Lords was being acted out, Jean Henderson the lawyer predictably stood for the House of Commons. She fought three general election campaigns — Barnet (1945). Lincoln (1950) and Luton

(1955).Throughout the Second World War she was an airraid warden in Hampstead Way. After the war she defended the Garden Suburb again, using her legal skills to ensure that it continued as a unified estate. She was the first chairman of the Suburb Protection Society set up in 1962 and was among the first directors of the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust established in 1968.

As she moved into her nineties, it was hard for her to acknowledge that the care she needed could no longer be supplied at home. A puzzled and frustrated energy made the restrictions of her last years very difficult for her to bear: but her warmth, wit and authority continued to win the She never married.

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DAVID CARTWRIGHT exemplified in his ministry the best traditions of the Church of England. His earlier highly valued administrative work was crowned by four years as Bishop Suffragan of Southampton, a post he held from 1984 until he retired in 1988.

Liberal in outlook and conservative in manner, he was a greatly loved pastor, a highly skilled administrator and a widely-read scholar. A close friend of the controversial theologian Bishop John Robinson, he kept a framed photograph of Robinson in his study, as well as inheriting his pectoral cross from the author of Honest to God. Born in Lincolnshire, the

son of a master butcher, Edward David Cartwright was educated at Grimsby Parish Church Choir School going on to read theology and history at Selwyn College, Cambridge. Encouraged in his early years by the then Vicar of Grimsby, Hedley Burrows (later to be Dean of Hereford), he was greatly influenced as an undergraduate by the Student Christian Movement, eventually becoming president of the Cambridge SCM, the more academic rival to the muscular Inter-Collegiate Christian

Union. Not himself attracted by the Evangelical tradition, he trained at Westcott House and served his title at Boston

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Parish Church, under the continuing with his London legendary Canon A. M. Cook. work.

After the war Cartwright spent 25 notable years in Bristol. He was incumbent of St Leonard Redfield, 1948-52, Olveston with Aust. 1952-60, and Bishopston, 1960-73. In addition to his parochial work he became highly regarded throughout the city and diocese for his lively and positive approach as secretary of the Bristol Council of Churches, chairman of Bristol Christian Aid Committee and, for seven years, secretary of the Bristol Diocesan Conference and Syn-

ary canon of Bristol Cathedral. From 1956 to 1973 Cartwright served as a Proctor in Convocation for the diocese of Bristol, regularly getting re-elected by his fellow clergy. His ecumenical and administrative skills soon came to be in demand nationally, and his diminutive figure was frequently to be seen slowly

od. In 1970 the Bishop, Oliver

Tomkins, made him an honor-

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students. In 1961 he succeeded Walter Bruford as Schröder

Professor at Cambridge and became a Professorial Fellow

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pacing the slightly antiseptic corridors of Church House, Westminster. He was involved both in the Anglican-Presbyterian conversations and the Anglican-Methodist Unity Scheme, which he persuaded the new General Synod to reconsider in 1971 after its rejection by the Convocations two years earlier. He was a Church Commissioner and a member of both the Central Board of Finance and the Church of England Pensions Board. Clergy housing and pensions were his special interests and he remained chairman of Morley College until his death.

In 1973, at the invitation of Falkner Allison, Cartwright became Archdeacon of Winchester and vicar of the country parish of Sparsholt, while

He soon won the respect and affection of both clergy

and laity in Hampshire where he was widely trusted. His wisdom and experience, enhanced by his rather elderly demeanour, were greatly valued. His acute mind and unfailing bravery enabled him to go straight to the heart of many complex problems. A genial and skilful debater: he often managed to persuade

doughty opponents to change their minds and support him. Working closely with the diocesan secretary and his staff, he was said to consider a day wasted if he had not attended at least one committee meeting. He was a notable trainer of curates in his Bristol days, he continued to befriend and encourage younger clergy and read many perceptive papers at meetings of the Morley

Cartwright was consecrated Bishop of Southampton short-ly before Bishop John Taylor retired as Bishop of Win-

Although dogged by illhealth, his short episcopal ministry was fruitful, and he helped to make some enterprising appointments. Always a model of dignity and decorum, he nevertheless had a mischievous sense of humour. which enlivened many solemn ecclesiastical occasions with whispered asides.

He retired to Warminster. where he spent his final years making new friends in the surrounding villages and studying the life of the Edwardian Archdeacon of Winchester W. A. Fearon, whose fascinating parochial diaries he owned.

He married Elsie Rogers in 1946. She survives him with their son and two daughters.



Jean Henderson during the second of her election campaigns, at Lincoln in 1950

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CHERNOBYL'S SECOND REACTOR THREATENED By Christopher Walker, Michael Binyon

and Thomson Prentice Russian and American accounts were differing sharply last night on the seriousness of the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear plant. But official figures released from Moscow showed that almost 200 people were taken to hospital for treatment, with most of them

American intelligence sources insisted that the fire at the plant was still raging out of control and now threatening to ignite an adjacent reactor. Evidence from comme satellite pictures showing "two bright red spots" beneath a cloud of blueish smoke suggested that a melidown at the second reactor may already have begun. Soviet television showed what was said to

be a photograph of the plant after the accident. A commentator said the picture, showing the top of the reactor building destroyed, proved that Western reports massive destruction or fire were false A statement from the Council of Ministers.

reported on the main evening television news bulletins, denied that thousands of people had been killed. It said 197 people were treated in

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The effects of this disaster are probably still immeasurable. Radiation leaks were detected in Scandinavia, and in parts of Cumbria movements of sheep were temporarily banned.

hospital after the accident and that 49 of them had been discharged after medical examina-tion. It maintained that only two people had died. Radiation levels around Chernobyl were falling, and teams of specialists were cleaning polluted areas, the statement said.

The statement was being seen as the opening of a Soviet propaganda offensive designed to counter the Western accounts of the disaster. But a version of the accident given by the Soviet Ambassador to Norway conceded that a portial evacuation had taken place in the Chemobyl area. western diplomats and scientific experts in

Moscow quickly dismissed the TV news bulletin version of events. "It was for domestic consumption, and to try and blunt the criticism which is mounting by the hour," one diplomat said. "I did not believe a word of it. As for the casualties, I think they left a few noughts off the end of their figures."

A special inter-agency task force set up by President Reagan to gather information on the disaster said that radioactivity was still spewing out of the plant, though at a lesser rate. But Mr Lee Thomas, chairman of the task force and the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said they had no indica-tion so far of problems at the second reactor

EPA experts and others from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Soviet officials managed to shut down the three other

reactors when problems began on Friday. But loss of coolant for some yet unknown reason led to an overheating of the core on Saturday, the rupture of pressure tubes and the escape of superheated steam which reacted with the graphite cladding to produce a volatile release of hydrogen and carbon

monoxide This led to a violent chemical explosion on Saturday, tearing open the building, allowing in oxygen and causing the subsequent fire.

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NEWS

Blair heading for No 10 say polls

■ Tony Blair's Labour Party is heading for a large Commons majority in today's general election to end a record 18 years of Conservative Government.

A MORI poll for The Times, taken on Tuesday and updated yesterday, shows that Labour has maintained its lead throughout the campaign and that the Tories have failed to stage a last-minute recovery. Support for the Liberal Democrats appears to have firmed up Pages 1, 9-15, 22, 23

Clare Short tipped for Cabinet post

■ Clare Short, the Labour leftwinger, is expected to win a place in Tony Blair's first Cabinet if he wins the election. John Prescott, the deputy leader, would become Deputy Prime Minister and head a new super-ministry covering the environment, transport and regional affairs.....

Role for Heseltine

Michael Heseltine could become the next chairman of the giant industrial group GEC. He is said to have made clear his interest in the job. now held by Lord Prior, who is retiring..... Page I

Mother jailed

The mother of a boy thief has been jailed for refusing to pay his court costs. She was protesting at a refusal by magistrates to lock up her son

Sacking condemned

A privatised utility company which sacked one of its managers for gross misconduct but refused to tell him what the allegation was or who made it was criticised by a senior judge Page 2

Maze talks fall

Talks between loyalist politicians and government officials in Belfast failed to end the second night of protests by terrorist inmates at the Maze prison.....Page 2

Carer who betrayed

A one-time ballering lived a long and glorious life. But the last years of Margery de Brissac Bernard were spent with a care assistant who plundered her life target"... savings..... ... Page 5

Skier accused

A skier was charged with manslaughter after he lost control on the slopes in Colorado and collided with a British man, who died

Darwin demonstrated

The evolution of lizards on a group of tiny Caribbean islands has given Darwin's evolutionary theories a leg-up Page 7

Car phone deaths

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents called for a ban on the use of mobile telephones in cars after two deaths because drivers were making calls Page 8

Rebels march on Zaire's rebels vowed to continue

their advance on Kinshasa after President Mobutu threw diplomats into disarray by quibbling over the venue for talks.. Page 16 Reno under fire

Janet Reno, the US Attorney-Gen-

eral, endured a blistering interrogation by the Senate Judiciary Committee on her refusal to appoint an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund-.... Page 18

Bomber's 'easy target' The wife of an army friend of Timothy McVeigh has described how he planned the Oklahoma City bombing and told her the federal building was an "easy Page 18

Iran protest

European Union foreign ministers are to delay indefinitely the return of their ambassadors to Tehran in support of Germany. whose ambassador has been reof head injuries Page 7 fused re-entry Page 19

Sloth bears return to active service

Sloth bears went on display at London Zoo, the first bears seen there for 12 years. To counter fears that zoo life harms bears' well-being, the two sloth bears are sharing the Mappin Terraces with deer, monkeys and peacocks. The bears, contrary to their name, are agile and escape routes have been created for other animals if they get bad-tempered...... Page 3



Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, applauds Cantonese opera performers during a visit to the Kwon Tong district yesterday

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GKN: The automotive engineering group is making its first important strategic move since C.K. Chow took over as chief executive four months ago by spending £352 .. Page 27

Boosey & Hawkes: The music publisher and instrument maker may lose its independence because its largest shareholder has put its stake up for sale..... ..Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 28 to close at 4436.0. Sterling fell from 100.3 to 100.1 after a fall from \$1.6310 to \$1.6225 and from DM2.8127 to DM2.8098 ... Page 30

SPORT Cricket: British Universities recorded the second surprise victory

of this season's Benson and Hedges

Cup when they beat Sussex by 19

runs in Cambridge Page 47 Snooker: Stephen Hendry overcame concerted pressure from Darren Morgan to win 13-10 and reach the semi-finals of the world championships

Table termis: Katy Parker, 12, and Michael Chan, 13, England's representatives in the mixed doubles at the world championships, lost their first-round match to two teenaged

Recing: Reg Akehurst, the Epsom trainer, pulled off his third Insulpak Victoria Cup success at Ascot when Tregaron beat World Premier by 2½ lengthsPage 45 895

Big Al, tittle Johnny: Al Pacino is a smalltime Mafia hood and Johnny Depp the undercover FBI agent who wins his confidence in Donnie Brasco, Mike Newell's thoughtful new film.... Page 37

Making waves: Best of the week's video releases is Lars Von Trier's epic melodrama of dark Hebridean passions, Breaking the Waves, with Emily Watson......Page 38 mances from Phoebe Nicholls, El-

Pading rose: It has fine perforeanor Bron and Celia Imrie, but Lorca's Doña Rosita the Spinster lacks passionPage 39

Wishful thinking: Joshua Sobel's tender new play, The Village, begins its British tour next week at the Brighton festival in Israel's Gesher

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RULE OF LAW Frances Gibb profiles Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the nation's longest-serving Lord Chancellor

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IN THE TIMES

The R&B veterans Dr Feelgood celebrate 25 years together

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ireland: mostly dry and sunny but

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☐ NE England, Bordera, Edin-burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Cen-tral Highlands, Moray Firth: dry

with long sunny periods. Winds southwest, light becoming moderate. Very warm, max 21C (70F).

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to fresh. Reither warm, max 16C-(61F).

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HRT help: What women need is a form of HRT that spares the breast and uterus but saves the bones, brain and heart, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford. News of such a hormonal preparation is about to be announced... .. Page 20

Three in one: More than 20 years

since he found fame in The Likely

Lads, Rodney Bewes talks to Noreen Taylor about his solo adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men In A Boat

Page 43 ALL RESIDENCE AND The Italian counter-offensive (on

bourg. The tension between the partners - between the ins and the outs - is going to increase month by month and one will reach a moment of decision in a crisis the like of has never been seen during these 40 European years. - La Repubblica

8, 16, 40, 10, 17, 24, Bonus: 13. Estimated jackpot: £3,600,000.

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Preview: Emma Wray plays a single mother in Simon Nye's new sitcom, My Wonderful Life (ITV, 8.30pm). Review: Lynne Truss on plain speaking from thePages 50, 51

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Vote with relish

The ballot paper may be marked in enthusiasm, in fury or in resignation. But the one emotion that should be absent for this one day is

Phoney war

An initial compromise might be to insist that only hands-off phones should be permitted whilePage 23 driving

Deep mystery

As long as the microchip mind obeys the laws of mathematics, it will still be subordinated to man-

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Attlee victory of 1945, the Thatcher victories of 1979, 1983 and 1987, and the Reagan victories of 1980 and 1984 all combined a simple message with hope for the future. If you cannot write down your party's programme on the back of a postcard, and look happy when you read out what you have written, you will not have a great campaign.....Page 22

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Bill Gates started off in a garage and as a young man he found himself running a multinational company. Some say bitterly that here in Germany his garage workshop would have been closed down by the health and safety inspectors

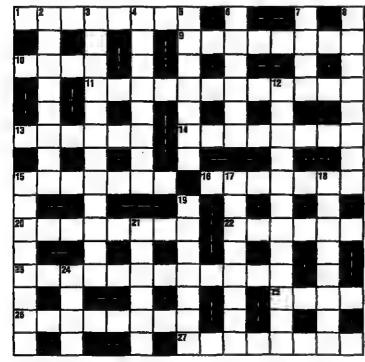
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Can you get fit while lying in bed? It may seem an unlikely dream, but obsessive sportsmen have long eyed the hours spent sleeping and wondered how they might use the time for yet more training Page 49

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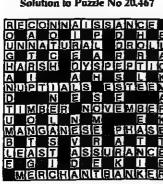
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become warm but coasts will have refreshing breezes. Northern treland and most of Scotland should be dry with sunny spells. The Northern Isles and tem Scotland will be mostly cloudy, with light rain or drizzle, becoming windy.

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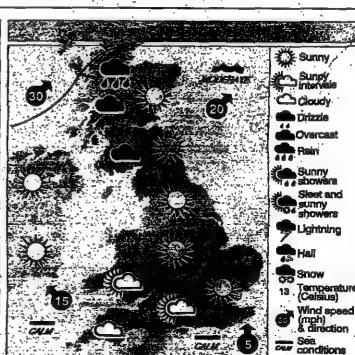


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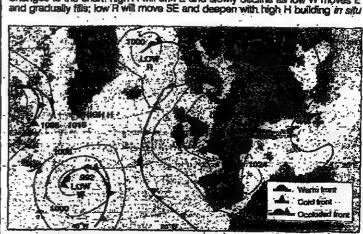
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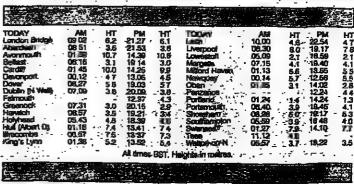
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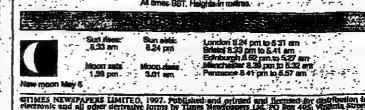
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US growth figures cause market turbulence

LONDON and New York markets endured a turbulent day's trading after new data showed that the US economy is growing at is fastest pace for nine years. First quarter US GDP grew by 5.6 per

cent, compared with 3.8 per cent in the previous three months - well above market expectations of a 4.1 per cent rise. The figures caused the Dow Jones industrial average to tumble 25 points in early trading as concern throunted that the Federal Reserve Bank will raise interest rates by as much as half a point when it meets on May

renewed hopes of a government budget pact after John Kasisch, chairman of the House Budget Committee, suggested that Congress: and President Clinton were close to a deal, The Dow Jones was up 68.63 points at

In London, shares touched an all-time high of 4,466.5 in early trading, boosted by Wall Street's 179-point rise on Tuesday night. But with the market remaining focused on activity in New York - rather than the general election - the FT-SE 100 tracked the Dow lower before recovering slightly to close up 2.8 points at 4,436.0.
Traders said that shares in London could well rise more sharply tomorrow in a post-election "relief rally" as institutions return to the market after weeks of low trading volumes. But the day's trading is likely to be overshadowed by the release of important labour market statistics in the US, which will give further clues to the timing and extent of a US rate rise.

The pound enjoyed a quieter day on the foreign exchange markets, with dealers cautious ahead of the election. Sterling's trade-weighted index briefly hit a post-ERM high of 100.4, before falling back to close at 100.1. The pound also lost some ground against the dollar, which was boosted by the GDP figures, closing down almost a cent at

\$1.6225, and fell from DM2.8127 to DM2.8098. Strong consumer spending led the accel-

eration in US economic growth. Consumer

spending jumped 6.4 per cent in the first quarter — the largest increase since 1988.

The markets were also concerned that the figures showed prices growing at their fastest for two years with the implicit price deflator, contained within the GDP data, climbing to 2.3 per cent (1.5 per cent). But some economists pointed to the rapid build-up of company stocks to suggest GDP growth would be more subdued in the second quarter as companies wind down stock levels.

man Government Securities, predicted that the impact of rising stocks would be to knock i per cent off second-quarter growth. But he added that the Fed will remain "very

nervous" after the latest figures. Bernd Pischetsrieder, chief executive of BMW, last night gave warning that Britain risks an overvalued pound if it refuses to join a single currency. He also said that London could be overtaken by Frankfurt as the financial capital of Europe. BMW is worried by Britain's lack of enthusiasm for monetary union because of the impact it will have on Rover, which it acquired in 1994.

Pennington, page 29

Labour's ·law would ring-fence the Co-op

A NEW Labour government would bring forward a Bill soon after it came to power to protect the Co-operative movement in the wake of the hostile bid by Galileo, An-Regan's special pur-

The Co-op Bill, which has been in the planning stage for me time, would be included in the Queen's Speech a maiter of weeks after today's election. Its importance has grown of late because of Galileo's attempt to launch a El-billion-plus hostile bid for. the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS). Mike O' Brien, Shadow

Economic Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday confirmed that a Co-op Bill has

Large taking leave during inquiry

PETER LARGE, the Hambros director who advised Andrew Regan on his abortive £1.2 billion bld for the Cooperative Wholesale Society. has asked to be relieved of his duties at the bank during an inquiry by Norton Rose, the solicitors, into the affair.

Meanwhile, Galileo, the company set up by Andrew Regan to make the bid, went into voluntary liquidation yesterday. The CWS, which has been pursuing Galileo for damages, intends to apply to Ernst & Young, the liquidator, to register as a creditor. Story, page 28

aiready been drafted. He added: "We have been very concerned about the recent events and the potential bid for the Co-operative movement."

Parliamentary support for the planned bill should be strong. The number of MPs who are likely to be elected under the banner of the Labour Co-operative movement could rise to 24 in today's poll, compared with 15 in the last Parliament, including candidates in England, Scotland

and Wales. Those MPs would be backed by four Co-op peers. who include Lord Graham of Edmonton. There are also six Co-op members of the European Parliament and these are led by Pauline Green, the high-profile leader of the So-

cialist Group in Europe.

There were a number of anomalies in the Co-op's structure that were highlighted during the Gableo bid, not least the potential offer of up to was never possible even under the current Industrial and Provident Societies Act, which governs the Co-op movement. However, the new Bill would enshrine this principle yet

.. The Bill would re-iterate that Co-op shares are always worth El and do not offer the prospect of any capital growth but rather the right to trade at favourable terms within the

insiders, however, do not rule out the more widespread use of the old-fashioned "Co-op divi" as much needed business and social reforms are introduced throughout the

The Co-op Bill would also allow members to raise cash more readily in the City's wholesale money market in the same way that public companies do.

This aspect of the new legislation is expected to play a crucial role in the re-organisation of the Co-op movement, which is expected to get under way shortly. The need for reform was underlined on Tuesday, when Co-operative Retail Services (CRS), the big-gest shareholder in the CWS, revealed that it had plunged into the red to the tune of

nearly £14 million. Roger Jones, secretary of the CWS, said: The proposed Bill will clarify the rights of our members, the rules under which they operate and set out for the first time what common ownership means in Co-.

op terms.
"Until now some parts of the Co-op movement have acted like limited companies while others have been more akin to

charities." Peter Clarke, national secretary to the CWS, said: "You can never legislate for City whiz-kids but the planned act will set out more clearly than ever before what the Co-op movement is and what it can

and cannot do. "At the same time, it will level the playing field with our retail competitors. The Regan incident is in my opinion a



Wrong note: Richard Holland, B&H's chief executive, said that the Carl Fischer decision to put itself on the auction block was a letdown for him

Fischer sale blow for **Boosey** & Hawkes

BY ERIC REGULY

BOOSEY & HAWKES, the music publisher and instrument maker whose history goes back to the 1760s, may lose its independence because its largest shareholder has put itself up for sale.

Carl Fischer, of New York, the family-controlled music publisher and retailer that has 45.3 per cent voting stake in B&H, has hired CS First Boston to find a buyer. The new owner would inherit the B&H investment and, under City takeover rules, would have to make a public offer to the other B&H shareholders. B&H shares closed at

867 p, up 70p, valuing the company at £170 million. Richard Holland, 52, B&H's chief executive, said that Carl Fischer's decision to put itself on the auction block was a letdown for him. "I'm saddened by this develop-ment. My preference is for

this company to remain quoted and independent." He said that he had not considered a management bayout of either Carl Fischer or B&H. No bidders have emerged yet for Carl Fischer, although the logical candidates include musical instrument makers such as Yamaha and Steinway/Selmer.

GKN to strengthen 'powder met' business with US deal

GKN, the automotive engineering group, is making its first important strategic move since C K Chow took over as chief executive four months ago by spending E352 million to strengthen its powder metallurgy business.

"Powder met" is becoming the favoured manufacturing method for many metal components, since it offers lightness and strength. The process involves pressing powdered metal in a mould and then heat-treating the result. GKN is planning to buy Sinter Metals of Cleveland.

Ohio, paying £238 million for Sinter's shares and taking on its net debt of El14 million. Mr Chow said the deal will make the group the world leader in this important technology.

The British group already has a £60 million business with plants in the UK and Italy, and a joint venture in India. The addition of Sinter. which employs more than 3,000 people at 18 plants in North America, Germany and Sweden, will give the enlarged operation annual sales of about £327 million. GKN expects the deal to

improve its earnings in the first 12 months. Nick Cunningham, analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said this effectively meant GKN was acquiring Sinter's technology at no cost. The City liked the deal, and GKN saw its shares climb 40p to 95lp.

Sinter has more than doubled in size through \$215 million of purchases last December. So although it made profits of \$15 million on sales of \$112 million last year, on a pro forma basis the enlarged company would have made \$38 million on sales of \$373 million. Sinter made a

share issue to raise \$50 million

only last month. Mr Chow said he did not think Sinter had overstretched itself, but "the business will grow a lot faster" with the help of GKN's financial strength and international reach. Sinter's management are to re-

main with the company.

GKN is offering \$37 for each
Sinter share, well above the previous market price of \$27. GKN has the backing of shareholders holding 43 per cent of Sinter's shares.

Dealers fall in for poll night duty

By Michael Clark, stock market correspondent pense -- most seem reconciled

Trades conducted during

the night will be reported first

house, will trade equities and

government securities. Rich-

ard Silverman said: "It sends

out a message to our clients

that in unusual circumstances

we are prepared to serve them

as best we can. Merrill's City

thing tomorrow morning.

CITY share dealers will be burning the midnight oil while the general election votes are being counted.

Most securities houses have ordered round-the-clock staffing in dealing rooms to handle transactions for overseas investors as the outcome of the election is decided.

But highly paid traders with a taste for champagne and caviare cannot expect silverservice treatment as recom-

office is near Smithfield meat to surviving on a diet of Brick market where there is no shortage of all-night greasy-Lane curries and sandwiches.

NatWest Markets will offer trades in the full range of Merrill Lynch, the securities market services.

spoon cafés.

Phonelines will also be left open for private clients to give dealing instructions. Tanya Potter, of NatWest, said: "We'll be sending out for all sorts from McDonalds and Pizzas to curry." Sandwiches are on the menu at Kleinwort Benson, which boasts the Roux Brothers as its internal

catering contractor. Half a dozen traders, salesman and analysts will be on call to keep the firm's bond

desk going. BZW, the global investment banking arm of Barclays, said it would keep its foreign exchange and gilts trading floors open overnight but not

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100 ... Yield 3.64% FTSE All share 2135,31 (+0.43) Nikkei 12903,30 (+302.88) New York:

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denotes midday trading prior

Generali becomes owner of racehorse

By Jason Nissé

THE London office of Generali, the giant Italian Insurance group, has become the owner of Cigar, the champion American racehorse. after paying \$25 million to the stallion's owners because of its infertility.

Cigar is the reigning US horse of the year, having won more than \$10 million in prize money after a record 16 successive wins. But his performance was off when he was put out to stud late last year. In spite of being introduced to 31 mares at the Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky, Cigar has failed to

impregnate any. Generali's underwriters have now agreed to pay out the \$25 million, the policy having required Cigar to fail with just 20 mares. The largest recipient of the payout is Coolmore Stud Group, which bought a 75 per cent interest in Cigar from his owner Allen Paulson, the aviation tycoon, last year.

As part of the deal. Generali has now become Cigar's owner and is planning to put him out to stud again. Peter Trend, Generali's bloodstock underwriter, is flying to Kentucky to assess the situation.

"The first thing to do is to move Cigar away from the glare of publicity that he has been under of late," said Mr Trend. "We hope that the vets will be able to find an answer and that Cigar will be able to

sire foals, in due course."
The Ashford Stud has now identified up to 85 suitable mares for Cigar, though the cost of each introduction is put at \$75,000. As Cigar is rated as the best racehorse since Citation in the 1930s, Generali will be hoping for some success to cut its losses.



Increase in repossession court cases

BY SARA MCCONNELL

allowed more lenders to nego-

tiate payment deals with bor-

rowers and that the improving

housing market has enabled

more borrowers struggling

with payments to trade down

Peter Williams, deputy di-

rector general of the Council of

Mortgage Lenders said: "We

have had no indication from

our members that they are

repossessing more properties

as the market rises. It is very

mixed." Some lenders had a

policy of repossessing quickly

while others were prepared to

let more arrears build up, said

The rise in numbers of

repossession actions through

the county courts could also be

due to administrative delays.

out of trouble.

Mr Williams.

MORTGAGE lenders started they knew they could not sell action through the county them on, waiting for a market courts to repossess 18.614 rise. Figures from the Council homes in the first quarter of of Morigage Lenders have this year, an increase of more shown falls in the numbers of than 1.000 over the final people repossessed every year quarter of 100b. The rise is the since the peak in 1991. The number of orders granted in the county court fell to 14.869 first for 12 months and will fuel renewed fears that lenders are taking advantage of rising house prices to repossess and in the first quarter of 1997, compared with 15.084 in the sell off properties that they previous quarter. could not have sold in the The CML argues that better arrears management has

Yesterday's repossession figures from the Lord Chancellor's Department coincided with the latest monthly house price index from the Nationwide Building Society. The figures show a year-on-year rise compared with April 1996 of 8.9 per cent and a month-onmonth rise of 0.4 per cent since March. The monthly index from the Halifax, due out at the end of this week is expected to show similar rises. Both lenders argue that a continuing shortage of property for sale is fuelling price rises, especially in London and the South East.

Lenders have consistently denied that they held back from repossessing properties during the recession because

Restructure at Signet forces delay in results

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By JASON NISSE

SIGNET, the jewellery chain formerly known as Ratners, has been forced to delay publication of its full-year results by up to three weeks because of problems finalising its financial reconstruction.

The shake-up is to convert the group's four classes of prefence shares into ordinary shares, getting rid of more than £150 million of unpaid dividends. The reconstuction will give preference shareholders over three quarters of the resulting share capital.

However, the US Securities & Exchanges Commission. which regulates many of the preference share issues as they were made in New York, has bombarded Signet with queries about the conversion. "They just can't seem to get their head round the idea of

swapping these shares into British securities," said a fi-

nancier close to the deal. The talks have lasted more than two months and have held up the issuing of Signet's results. These are expected to show a doubling in pre-tax profit to around £50 million. Signet, whose chairman is James McAdam, had a good

Christmas with the upmarket Ernest Jones enjoying a 9.7 per cent sales increase and the downmarket H Samuel a 2.5



James McAdam is expected to reveal a doubling in pre-tax profits to about £50 million when Signet finally reports

arge on leave for Regan inquiry

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

PETER LARGE, the Hambros director who advised Andrew Regan on his abortive El.2 billion bid for the Cooperative Wholesale Society CWS), was yesterday relieved of his duties at the bank. He will not return until Norton Rose, the solicitor, completes

its enquiry into the affair. Hambros, which settled out of court this week with CWS. said it had agreed to a request from Mr Large to relieve him

of his duties "to enable him to concentrate upon giving full attention to the enquiry". Galileo, the company set up

by Mr Regan to make the bid. went into voluntary liquidation yesterday. There is expected to be money left for shareholders but this could be eaten up by an application from CWS, which is pursuing Galileo for damages, to regis-ter as a creditor. Jason Elles, a partner at Ernst & Young, was appointed to carry out the liquidation less than a week

The liquidation should bring the shares in Lanica Trust, Mr Regan's investment vehicle, closer to returning to trading on the stock exchange. HSBC James Capel, Lanica's broker, said it could not see "what further impediment there is to

More than £10 million was put into Galileo by Lanica, Killick & Co, Jupiter and Schroders. Mr Eiles said there is enough left to pay the millions of pounds of debts.

letter to its institutional investment clients in which it denied that it had at any time seen confidential CWS documents.

Schroders invested a total of £1.8 million in both Lanica and Galileo last December through two unit trusts managed by Schroder Investment Management. Separately, £11,000 was invested in Lanica a month earlier by three Schroder employees before they knew of Lanica's decision to form Galileo.

SFA green light for **Fidelity Brokerage**

BY ROBERT MILLER

A CITY watchdog is today expected to give Fidelity Bro-kerage, the retail stockbroking arm of the world's largest fund manager, the green light to sign up new clients again and a chance to recoup an estimated £30 million in lost business.

Fidelity is also expected to be handed down a six-figure fine by the Securities and Futures Authority. Last night lawyers from Fidelity and the SFA were still in talks over the size of the fine, although the watchdog is expected to say that it will continue to keep a close eye on the broking firm If an agreement is not reached, however, then an announcement could be delayed for several days.

In October last year the SFA ordered Fidelity Brokerage to cease taking on new business until January after receiving hundreds of complaints from investors. The ban was then extended for a further three months after the watchdog said it was not satisfied with Fidelity's progress in resolving the issues which began when the broking firm switched to a new computer and administration system last May. Many dividend cheques failed to reach the right bank accounts at the correct time.

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B-A-T INDUSTRIES

Underlying profit increase of 6%

Three months unaudited results to 31 March

1997

1996

PRE-TAX PROFIT EARNINGS PER SHARE £591m

£590m

11.3p

11.4p

- Underlying profit rose by 6 per cent with satisfactory progress from most of our businesses. However, pre-tax profit was adversely affected by a £22 million provision for the future closure of a cigarette factory in Germany and the impact of exchange rate movements.
- Total trading profit from financial services rose by 3 per cent to £266 million, with the general business slightly ahead at £142 million and the life companies making further progress, at £124 million.
- Tobacco profit of £363 million would have risen by 8 per cent but for the factory closure provision, which brought the increase down to 2 per cent. Total Group cigarette volumes rose slightly to 167 billion.
- "As I said at the Annual General Meeting last week, if the strength of sterling persists, it may well continue to hold back our headline results in 1997. The Board, however, has confidence in the Group's ability to improve results at the underlying level, just as we have in the first quarter."

Lord Cairns, Chairman

BUSINESS ROUNDOP

Hollinger offers to buy rest of Southam

HOLLINGER CANADIAN PUBLISHING, the newspaper company that is controlled by Conrad Black, yesterday bid C\$923 million (£405 million) for the shares of the Southam

media group that Mr Black does not already own. The offer, if successful, will consolidate Hollinger's position as the dominant newspaper owner in Canada.

Hollinger, which is the ultimate owner of The Daily Telegraph, owns 50.45 per cent of Southam and has offered C\$13.50 in cash and C\$10 in Hollinger non-voting special shares for each minority share. Southam is the biggest newspaper chain in Canada, with daily titles in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Ottawa and Montreal: The Hollinger offer had been expected. Hollinger has wanted outright control of Southam for some time, its ambition to gain a free hand in turning the company around. The newspapers are not highly profitable in spite of the lack of competition in most of their markets.

EU approves coal aid

GOVERNMENT cash worth £89! million to meet liabilities left from the sell-off of British Coal was yesterday sanctioned by the European Commission. The money, which will pay for environmental damage caused by mining, fuel entitlements and other obligations to workers, needed approval from Europe under regulations on state aid. The aid has been granted because it raises no competition issues.

Li National Power, the UK's biggest generator, has ordered six million more tonnes of coals from RIB Mining.

Villa offer tops £12m

ASTON VILLA, the Premiership football club seeking a stock market listing, said the total amount subscribed under the public offer of shares is £12.58 million. The company said 454.545 ordinary shares previously placed with institutions were subject to recall to satisfy applications from members of the public at £11 a share. Valid applications were received from 7,708 applicants in respect of 683,780 shares. Applications from full-time employees amounting to 19,620 shares, and from season ticket holders for up to 200 shares, are being allocated in full.

Gallahers split agreed

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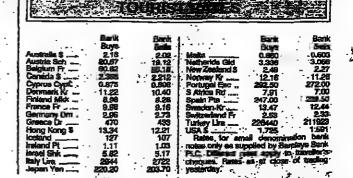
SHAREHOLDERS in American Brands vesterday approved the demerger of Gallahers, the US group's British tobacco operation. This paves the way for the £2 billion flotation of the business, famous for its Silk Cut and Benson & Hedges brands, later this year: Gallahers is the leading tobacco company in the UK, but is unaffected by the £200 billion deal to settle litigation from smokers in the US. At the same time, shareholders agreed to change the name of the US side to Fortune Brands.

SR Gent considers offers

S R GENT, the clothing manufacturer that supplies Marks & Spencer, has told shareholders that "potential offers for the company are being dealt with" and that a further amouncement is expected soon. Shareholders were told in October that the company had received preliminary approaches. Yesterday the company said it lost E901,000 before tax in the half year to December 31, against a £2.8 million profit previously. The interim dividend has been passed and earnings per share of 4.7p fell to losses of 2.6p. The shares rose 4p to 5012 p.

Loss for Whitchurch

WHITCHURCH GROUP, the meat products company, incurred a £4.3 million loss in the year to January 2, reflecting the cost of business closures. There was a £3.5 million charge against losses on discontinued businesses and a £1.57 million write-down of assets and goodwill. In the previous year profits were £600,000. The company said steps had to be taken to contend with adverse market conditions. Turnover was 547.7 million (648.5 million). Losses were 28.91p a share, against earnings of 2.61p. Again there is no dividend.



The full quarterly report is being posted to shareholders and copies are available from the Company Secretary, B.A.T Industries p.L.c., Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SWIH ONL.

Is lord Weinstock is no longer managing director of GEC Instead, he glories in the title of chairman emerius. If runours circulating in the City prove to be give, we may soon learn quite what power attaches to this role.

The theory is that Michael There were chiraly those who the future of its involvement with ways of bumping up his tax surprising sanguinity. The old

Heseltine has let it be known that he could be very interested in being the next chairman of GEC.
Nothing so vulgar as a letter of application has been penned, but those, who matter have, apparently, been leff in little doubt that Heseltine would care to be consid-

ered as a candidate. This is not to say that the fiery mace wielder has entirely given up his political ambitions. If the rifts and recruminations within the Tory Party head speedily towards a leadership election, the likelihood is that Heseltine would feel obliged, for the good of us all. to offer his services.

But if leading the Opposition is not to be his role, then being the chairman of one of Britain's eading industrial forces would not be a bad alternative, However, the GEC boardroom is said to be divided as to whether he is the right man for the job. In particular, the chairman emeritus and his managing director are thought to take opposing views, For George Simpson, poached

from Lucas as Lord Weinstock's from Lucas as Lord Weinstock's to see as his next, theoretical, annointed successor, the issue boss. With GEC facing some

doubted whether Arnold Wein-

stock could relinquish totally the fiercesome grip in which he held GEC for so long, and this could become the test of that. The current chairman, Lord Prior, has more than justified his own leap from former Cabinet minister to top industrialist. He has been a highly effective international salesman for the

group, working long hours and, say insiders, winning contracts. Apparently, the combination of having been a minister and being a peer of the realm still carries weight with some potentates, and Jim Prior is a pleasant and persuasive sort of a chap. But Michael Heseltine is a very different character with

very different ambitions. If he. were to take the helm at GEC, he would want to make his mark on the company. And could he be relied upon to be the best of ambassadors for the company? George Simpson has no doubt

been weighing up those issues as he ponders whom he would like major strategic issues, including

Thomson in France and the longawaited link-up with BAe, the company needs a strong chair-man. But it will have to be someone who can work with

Simpson, not against him.

Lord Weinstock can be forgiven for continuing to feel a proprietorial interest in the company which he steered for so long. However, he retired last year and it was on that basis that Simpson joined. If the board was to support him against Simpson in the issue of who should be chairman, Simpson, and his shareholders, would have reason to feel aggrieved.

Brown may call on City to bridge gap

☐ THE zig-zagging of the FT-SE yesterday demonstrated that our markets are currently more influenced by what goes on in Wall Street than who should inhabit Downing Street.

But the sanguinity with which they appear to be discounting a Labour victory in today's polls may not take long to evaporate. **PENNINGTON**



written into the equation, but there are other measures which Gordon Brown may have in mind which have so far not occurred to a City bent on putting an optimistic gloss on what is now deemed inevitable. The new Chancellor of the Exchequer may want to uphold Labour's promises of support for business, but his overwhelming

need will be to raise extra cash. The wheeze of the windfall tax will not bridge the gap for a Labour administration to live up to its promises. And the avun-cular out-going Chancellor is not such a paragon as to have ensured that the books awaiting his successor are exactly as he ways of bumping up his tax revenues is the challenge that will face the new Chancellor.

Given the promises that have been made, personal taxation is almost, though not entirely, out of bounds. So it is to business that Mr Brown will be looking for his increased income, in the full, but unspoken, knowledge that in hitting corporate earnings, he will in reality be hitting the income and savings of in-

dividuals but at one remove. If, as is likely, corporation tax is raised from the traditionally low levels that have prevailed in Britain, dividends will rapidly feel the pinch. The clawback of advance corporation tax, which Brown is said to favour on the grounds that simple voters will not believe this obscure fiscal measure has anything to do with them, will cut the income to pension funds and charities, and thus to their beneficiaries.

The possibilities of both measures have been much discussed in City boardrooms, yet the near certainty is that their imposition would be greeted with shricks of shock and horror. Share prices

surprising sanguinity. The old injunction to sell in May and go away may prove, once again, to

Labour eye on end of Fidelity affair

☐ THE expected conclusion today of Fidelity Brokerage's brush with the Securities and Futures Authority will be watched with more than a passing interest by Labour's Treasury team.

If, as expected, Gordon Brown is installed in the Treasury to-

morrow, his ministers will have already begun work on their promised reforms to City regulation. Sources close to Tony Blair, the Labour leader, have already indicated that Alistair Darling will be confirmed as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, while Mike O'Brien is widely tipped for promotion to Economic Secretary. It is Mr O'Brien, who has risen rapidly through the ranks since entering Parliament in 1992, who will oversee reforms to the way in which City watchdogs operate and, some way

down the line, a rewrite of the

Financial Services Act. In fining Fidelity the SFA must the sum big enough to note the regulator's displeasure and the fact that the publicity has un-doubtedly been financially

damaging.
The first step by a new Treasury team will be to appoint a successor to Sir Andrew Large as chairman of the Securities and Investments Board.

The chairman's deputy may well come from the present watchdog system and front-runners would be Phillip Thorpe at Imro, Andrew Winckler, SIB chief executive, Colette Bowe, of the PIA, and Nick Durlacher, of the SFA. So wrapping up the Fidelity incident, and on time, is more than just another disciplinary case.

The penny drops

☐ IT has taken that essentially practical breed of people, the shopkeepers, to point out that if the single currency is to become a reality, it will require more than the signatures of politicians. If EMU is to be introduced, then early decisions need to be taken on its physical form. Businesses can convert their systems, but if millions of slot machines are to be adapted, then some serious issues need resolving, and soon.

BAT holds fire over litigation insurance

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BAT INDUSTRIES remained tight-hipped yesterday over independent research suggesting it could officed the cost of its tobacco litigation in the US onto its insurers.

The bill for any court cases it lost could be recouped from insurance companies who. provided cover since the 1930s, according to Schroders, the house. These include Commercial Union and Royal SunAlliance (RSA) based in the UK. Some estimates put the bill for tobacco companies at £200 billion.

Schroders' research into the historical liability : coverage bought by BAT and other tobacco manufacturers, in-cluding Philip Morris, has uncovered exclusions in poliloosely worded that they would not hold water in court. Martin Broughton, chief executive of BAT, unveiling first quarter results yesterday. said: "We do not intend to

comment on ... possible insurance coverage for tobacco litigation. We wish to protect the company's assets and anything we say could prejudice He reiterated comments

made by Lord Cairns, BAT's

chairman, at this week's amu-

al meeting that the issue was

BAT's Martin Broughton, left, and David Allvey

We wrote."

"highly complex both factually and legally" and affected many insurers in 50 different

ment yesterday, but Neil Woodford, who runs Perpet-

ual's High Income fund, said: "It is fair for shareholders to expect more clarification on the issue. I am not asking the company to prejudice future legal proceedings, but we are entitled to know more." pre-tax profit of £591 million or the three months to March

friction between BAT and both

Schroders and one of BAT's

major shareholders, Perpetu-

al, which has more than £100

Paul Hodges, who conducted

the research, declined to com-

million invested in BAT.

1997, broadly unchanged from the £590 million in the same period last year. He reiterated ears that sterling's strength may lead to a downturn in pretax result for the current year. BAT's cigarette brands lost

aggressive price-cutting by ri-val Philip Morris. BAT shares were 3p lower at 521p. CU was 3בף down at 682, while RSA rose 10p to 488p. BAT's total trading profit from financial services rose 3

per cent to £266 million and tobacco profits of £363 million would have risen 8 per cent but for the provision for the future closure of a cigarette factory in Germany, which brought the increase down to 2 per cent.

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Rebels out in force at BAe meeting

UP TO 150 campaigners ambushed British Aerospace's annual meeting yesterday to protest at the company's arms sales to Indonesia.

The growing band of protesters who buy single company shares to gain entry to annual meetings also delivered a sizeable vote against two directors up for re-election.

Lord Hollick, a non-executive, was opposed by in-vestors speaking for 6.56 per cent of shares and Mike Turner, head of the civil aviation division, got a 8.47 per cent no-vote.

The meeting lasted three hours and was dominated by questions on arms sales to undemocratic regimes. Protestors were removed from the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster.

European difficulties prompt BICC warning

A PROFIT warning by BICC. the cable and construction group, relating to persistent problems at its European utility cables operations sparked a 7 per cent fall in its share price

Viscount Weir, chairman told investors at the annual meeting that interim results are likely to be weaker than expected. Six months ago the company raised £170 million via a rights issue.

He said the problems originated in "Germany and Italy, where demand and price levels have deteriorated further and damaging structural over-capacity now exists". He added: "This situation is unlikely to change and large-ly reflects the tight economic policies continetal governments feel obliged to pursue."

The strength of sterling has

not had a negative effect on BICC. Losses in pound transactions were offset by additional currency gains from profits in Australian dollars. Viscount Weir said the problem was specific to the Euro-

pean power utility sector. "Our other worldwide cable activities and Balfour Beatty are so far this year performing

in line with expectations," he

The rights issue was used to invest in high-tech cables in the UK, Europe and Asia. The group said the rights issue was not affected and paybacks should come on stream later this year.

A spokesman said: "There is

one black spot that is having a negative impact." But while the group maintains that there are "no reasons for altering the general outlook for the group", analysts downgraded full-year profit forecasts from around £165 million to around £145 million.

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In 1996 £82 million of exceptional costs from a previous bout of belt-tightening helped to push the group £67 million into the red, against a 1995

Viscount Weir failed to reassure investors that a turnaround could save full-year profits, saying: "This situation unlikely to change." But outside Germany, Italy and Australia, demand for highvoltage cables is said to be picking up. The shares fell 17p to 230 p. Rights issue shares were offered at 270p.

BioMedica settles with Stockton

By PAUL DURMAN

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OXFORD BloMedica, the gene technology company whose arrival on Alternative Investment Market six months ago was a flop, has settled with the two investors who failed to take up their underwriting commitments.
Stockton Trading, one of the sub-underwriters,

agreed to pay £110.000 for 125,000 shares at the November placing price of 88p. The firm's original commitment was for about £650,000. Oxford BioMedica has put

on hold its legal action against Kaj Kjellquist the other would be investor, because he faces bankruptcy proceedings. The failed underwriting prompted a col-lapse in Oxford BioMedica's share price on the first day of

The shares recovered 8p to 522p yesterday on research suggesting a breakthrough in the company's work on treat-

Wickes sells off continental chain

By Sarah Cunningham

year caught up in an account-ing scandal, has finally sold its continental retailing business. After months of negotiations with several parties, Bricorams, a privately owned French DIY company, has agreed to pay about £7.5 million for the 39 stores in The

Netherlands, Belgium and In the year ended December 31, Wickes Continental made a pre-tax loss of £12.3 million on turnover of £105 million. Net assets were £4.8 million.

Bricorama will also assume £6.4 million of finance leases lion in the consolidated net

pletion is expected shortly. Bill Grimsey, chief executive, said that the sale "repre-

sents a further significant step

WICKES, the do-it-yourself in the turnround plan for chain that spent most of last Wickes".

which we monitor." CU said:

"Our exposure is limited by

exclusion clauses and the ag-

gregate limits on the policies

He added: "The refinancing of the group is now complete with the elimination of a further £12.5 million of debt from our balance sheet as a result of the disposal. We can now focus fully on rebuilding Wickes in the UK from a sound financial base."

.Mr Grimsey, who took over the job from Henry Sweetbaum, said that the sale to Bricorama was "very neat" as there was no breaking up of the continental head office. and the business could carry on as a going concern.

Wickes, whose former management is now under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, has now shed all its overseas interests, having withdrawn from a South African business in February. In the UK it now trades from 122 stores. It intends to return to a modest opening programme

to sell **Colleys**

ety is disposing of the Colleys chain of property surveyors through a mixture of sales and mergers with its own-

brand valuation offices.
Colleys has about 140 of-

Several companies have shown an interest. The Halifax its flotation.

ualising building society, the Alliance & Leicester, announced that it had sold its

Halifax

THE Halffax Building Soci-

fices. An unspecified number have been quietly on the market for several weeks, with the rest earmarked for merger with Halifax Valuation Services.

said the sale had nothing to do On Tuesday another demut-

commercial estate agency. The building society has now fully withdrawn from estate agency. It had written off £40 million for the purpose in 1995, of which the latest sale accounted for just a small part.

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Greenhills censured by exchange

By Fraser Nelson

GREENHILLS, the restaurant group that fell into liquidiation in December. has been censured by the London Stock Exchange for its failure to announce a series of events which preceded its cash crisis (See Pennington, this page).

The company, backed by Justin Hayward from the Moody Blues and two members of the Dire Straits, has been accused of being quick to disclose news of new developments but slow to inform the market when the deals fell

The censure is understood to relate to

the company's failure to announce that a contract to distribute Russian Dawn Vodka had collapsed and that its plans to open a restaurant with Madame Tussaud's had been cancelled. It is also understood to have come

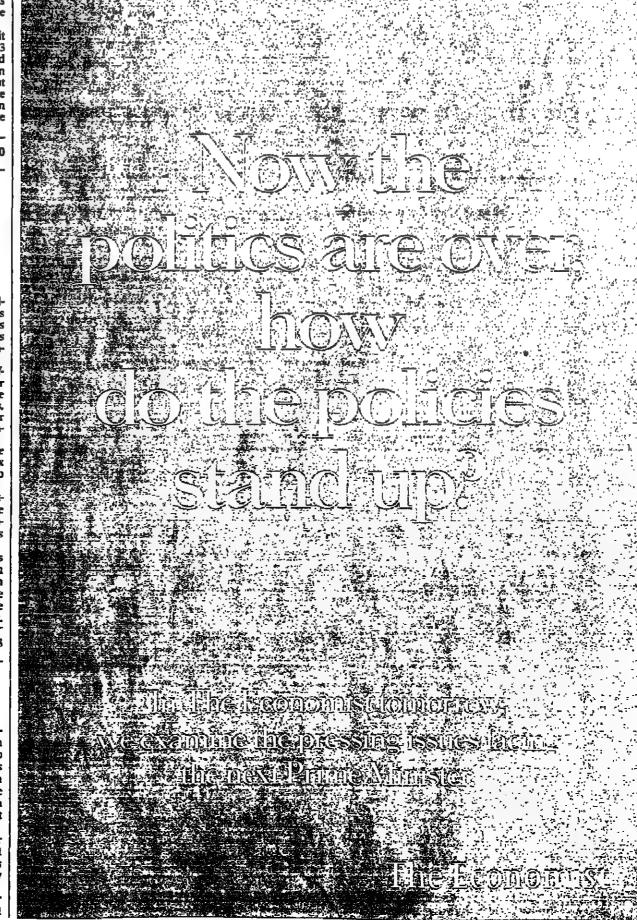
under fire for failing to disclose that a company controlled by John Gilbert, one of its directors, fitted out its Thunder Road restaurant in London's West End. The exchange emphasised that its criticism was levelled at the company itself and not the directors - although analysis were puzzled as to where the

The company, which was one of the

listinction was drawn.

ment Market, was formed by Brian Copsey, a Monaco-based financier who had bought a cheap lease in London's Trocadero centre. Mr Copsey was also a director of Alpha Omikron, which is one of the three companies to have been ejected from the Alternative Investment

The company's investors had hoped for a reverse takeover by Browns, the Covent Garden nightclub, which was in talks with Greenhills just before the company





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Soaring Dow fails to soothe London nerves

SHARE prices were suffering from a bout of pre-election juters last night after failing to capitalise on the new mood of optimism sweeping Wall Street on interest rates.

London responded positively first thing to a sizzling performance overnight that saw the Dow Jones industrial average enjoy its biggest oneyears. Confidence that an imminent rise in US interest rates could be postponed followed Tuesday's subdued employment cost index and durable goods numbers.

Share prices in the City hit a new all time high of 4,466.5, but the FT-SE 100 index subsequently suffered a relapse after evidence of stronger than expected growth in the US economy during the first quarter.

This was eventually countered by a dip in the Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index and, after a cautious start, the Dow Jones was again powering away and, at one stage, was sporting another 100-point rise.

But it came too late to make any impact on London, where the index clawed back a 10point fall to finish 2.8 up at 4.430.0. Almost one billion shares changed hands.

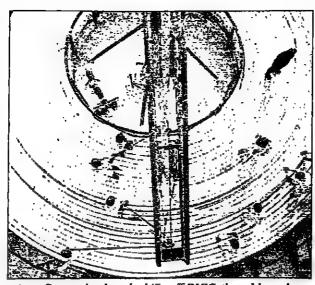
Brokers responded positively to the news that GKN is to acquire Sinter Metals of Ohio for \$570 million (£352 million). Sinter is the world's biggest supplier of precision pressed powder metal parts. The shares rose 40p to 951p.

The unexpected profits warning from BICC, which sent the shares tumbling 17p to 23012p, had the analysts scrambling to downgrade their profit numbers for the current year. The company warned shareholders at the annual meeting that profits for the first six months would be lower than at first thought.

Brokers said the situation in European power utility cables had deteriorated even further. The news from BICC had a knock-on effect at Delta, with 3401ap.

LucasVarity firmed 2p to 1851ap as ABN Amro Hoare Govett snapped up another two million shares at 187p as part of its share buybuck programme. This takes the number of shares repurchased to 15.5 million, or 1 per cent. it looks as if Cadbury

Schweppes is losing ground to Coca-Cola and Pepsi Cola in



A profit warning knocked 17p off BICC, the cable maker

the soft drinks wars. US sales of Dr Pepper grew by 5 per cent in the first three months of the year, but 7-Up declined 2 per cent. Overall sales were up just 1 per cent. The shares finished 10p lower at 51312p. EMI gave up 20p at £12.24 after Henderson Crosthwaite,

the broker, hosted a dinner with the company and institutional investors.

stake in Optometries came too late on Tuesday to affect the shares. But they opened lower yesterday. touching 12p before closing ^{til}ap down at l4p.

Cautious comments made earlier this week by HSBC James Capel, the broker, continued to prove a drag on Eurotherm, with the price finishing a further 21p lower at

After chasing the banks higher, attention switched to the composites where there is still plenty of speculation. Best performances were seen in Royal Sun Alliance, up 10½ p at 488½ p on interest from Salomon Brothers, and General Accident up 3p at 880p, and wanted by Merrill Lynch.

Northern Ireland Electricity moved up 4p to 400p with the help of a "buy" recommendation from BZW. It is positive about the group's joint venture with United Utilities and the recent ruling on price cuts issued by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. United Utilities eased (p to 67812p. The decision of Peter Levine

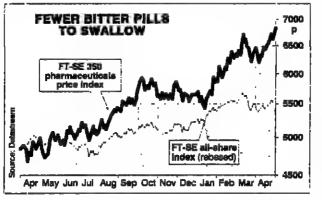
and a consortium of investors not to acquire a controlling

3912p, stretching the deficit of the past two days to 42p.

Meanwhile, Siebe put in a much needed rally to close 1412p better at 912p.

APV showed a rise of lop at

87p after late-breaking news on Tuesday that it had received a bid approach. In fact. the shares had been traded up to the 85p level in after-hours business. Tomkins, the guns to buns conglomerate, is being



266¹2D. Air London International was a flat market falling 10p to 23312p after Beeson Gregory. the broker, downgraded its recommendation from a "buy" to a "hold".

On AIM, Biomedica stood out with a rise of 8p at 521, after announcing it was making headway in the battle against cancer. The group is develop-ing a new anti-tumour gene therapy to fight persistent breast, colorectal and ovarian

Shares of Boosey & Hawkes soared 70p to 86712 as the "for sale" sign went up on the company. Carl Fischer, who owns 45.3 per cent of the music publisher, is looking for a buyer for his stake. Dragons Health Clubs got

off to a flying start in first-line dealings on AIM. Placed at 100p, the price opened at 12212 before closing at its best of the day with a premium of 26p at

The big drug companies were up and running, hoping for some good news soon from Glaxo Wellcome. up 2512p at £1212 The group is due to give an update tomorrow on re-search and development.

Nigel Barnes at Merrill Lynch says that Glaxo Wellcome is arguably up with events, but he remains bullish about the drug companies. In March Merrill Lynch set

target price of \$20.50 for Zeneca and seemed happy to run with that. The shares eased 3p to £18.5912p. But there was support for Smith Kline Beecham, up 20p at 99112p, and Cortecs International, 20p better at 2871ap. GILT-EDGED: There were few signs of last-minute election jitters as prices soared by around £1 at the longer end. Brokers are convinced that a landslide Labour victory is the

order of the day. Much of the demand was fuelled by futures-led buying and a strong performance by US Treasury bonds. The June E1816 to E1108s. Treasury 8 per cent 2021 soared £1516 to £10412, while at the shorter end Treasury 7.25 per cent 2007 was £1316 better at £9858. ☐ NEW YORK: Shares held on to late morning gains after buying momentum carried over from Tuesday's sharp rise. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 74.25 points higher at 7.036.28.

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ing the shares, causing the

price to fall from a peak in September of 141 p to a

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fully recovered but yester-

day's news on trading makes

the continuing bearish view

hard to justify. Only a pro-portion of EWM profits have

been included, but the fig-

Grampian stock has never

THE silence was deafening from BAT yesterday in the face of irate questions from invesrance policies taken out by its US tobacco arm. The prospect of a titanic court battle as tobacco barons sue insurance fat cats sounds delicious but the drama is a long way off. BAT's lawyers are no doubt poring over the contracts but the company is in no hurry to claim from its insurers. So far, it has been winning cases brought by smokers and a battle against the insurance industry could double or treble its legal costs.

Aside from costs, BAT has other reasons not to call on its insurers. Were BAT to make a valid claim on a policy, its US insurer would have the right to take control of the tobacco company's defence against the plaintiff smokers. BAT has defended

to hand the task over to insurers who have different priorities and might prefer to settle claims quickly. Worse still, discovery rules in US law would enable insurers to obtain unlimited access to BAT's internal documents, some of which might prove to be highly sensitive over the issue of liability.

BAT is being dragged further and further into the mire of the US courts. The tobacco settlement recently mooted by BAT's rivals, Phillip Morris and Nabisco is unlikely to provide any real immunity from future lawsuits, and BAT must be actively reviewing the question of demerging the tohacco arm.

The irony is that on an underlying basis. tobacco profits are growing faster than insurance. Smoking may be bad for you but it has yet to really hurt BAT.

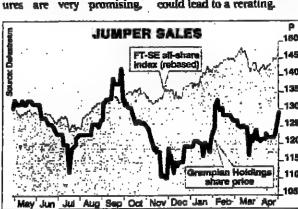
Grampian

WHAT is one to make of a company that makes most of its money from woollen jumpers but also sells a product to remove sea lice from farmed salmon?

Step forward Grampian Holdings, which is probably best described, albeit unhelp-fully, as a Scottish miniconglomerate. A year ago, Grampian was expected to sell its 25 per cent stake in Edinburgh Woollen Mills, the chain of over 200 shops which in Scotland hawks tartan products at tourists but in England mainly sells woollens. A more focused Grampian was to concentrate on transport and veteri-

nary pharmaceuticals.
Instead to the fury of some institutions, the company bought the whole of EWM. They rewarded the change of strategy by dumpwith like-for-like sales rising 12 per cent. On a pro-forma basis.

EWM accounts for around 65 per cent of profits, Although the other divisions are trading well, Grampian still looks a ragbag of businesses, difficult to value. Nonetheless, the shares are a buy and a few disposals could lead to a rerating.



BICC

do. Less than a year ago the company raised E170 million to support a £200 millionplus investment in optical fibre cables and in its growing South-East Asian markets. The rationale looked sensible and investors paid 270p to subscribe for their rights. Since then, howshareholders have heard a lot more about duff European businesses than fancy optical fibres or Asian tigers, and the share price

BICC has some explaining to

The problem is that BICC's core business makes a combles. In the developed world. it is a repair and maintenance business with little growth, and the privatisation of electricity supply companies has put more pressure on cable suppliers. In Germany, competition is intense and BICC is making no money. Meanwhile, the pro-

posed privatisation of Enel in

DOLLAR RATES

Italy has caused demand to collapse as the utility attempts to improve its financial profile. The deteriorating position in Italy and Germany has cut some City profit forecasts by £20 million to E130 million.

Power cables is not a bad business if you are the mar-ket leader, but there is little point in being second fiddle in many markets. BICC should pull out of Germany and redeploy the assets in Asia. Had it chosen to sell out of its weak markets earlier, the rights issue might not have been necessary.

CK CHOW has not had the easiest start to his tenure at GKN - the astonishing af-Old-fashioned forging and

fair of the \$591 million award made against the company by a North Carolina court has seen to that. Yesterday's offer for Sinter Metals of the US could be a turning point.

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WALL STREET

nents produced by powder metallurgy can be lighter, more complex and are cheap-er to make. GRN had already shown interest in T&N's powder metallurey division but Sinter has assembled an even larger business. Powder metallurgy should

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provide GKN with the growth potential needed to put some zip into its mature automotive activities. The main concern is that Sinter, bought two of its largest component businesses in an ambitious deal just five months ago, and the full impact of those purchases is still un-Sinter has decided to sell up and that GKN appears to be paying a chunky price

should provide an immediate boost to earnings. With US economic growth accelerating, the price is probably worth paying.

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experience of anti-inflation drives and privatisation that short-term unpopularity was a sure sign of virtue in policy. That was understandable after the trumming of the 1970s, but it ain't necessarily so. And this mindset removes the key check on incompetence, unfettered

ideology and influence-peddling.
The nation is doubtless grateful to Mr Blair. Labour and Conservatives have converged so closely in their policy aims in the process, however, that the election argument has focused even more than usual on attitudes, rival managerial claims and differences in means. For voters in England, though not in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, the only truly divisive issue has been States rights versus federal powers in Europe. As The Times's election verdict demon-

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column has tried to look at the consequences of this passive con-sensus. They have allowed leading parties to get away with having no convincing strategy on so many economic, financial and lifestyle issues: poverty, the incidence of taxation, crime, transport and pensions as well as the euro. Today's election will decide none of

these or other real-life issues. Nowhere is this truer than in matters environmental or "green". Even critical campaigners have given John Gummer. Environment Secretary since 1993, some credit for initiatives on recycling, pollution and protecting the countryside, as well as making Britain a positive force in European and global pow-wows. Their complaint is that he failed to spread their message round the Cabinet table.

famously ploughs through Twy ford Down, rather than running under it, state-directed competition obliged some power stations to turn off their air-scrubbers and there is no masterplan for defunct North Sea oil platforms.

Labour wears yet brighter green badges and has some more ambitious targets. But there is even less sign that they will be imbue departmental programmes, or even be compatible with them.

Take the worsening drought, which was not evident when water industry charges and investment plans were drawn up. Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, has pledged a water summit. Bur he has ruled out compulsory metering, seemingly the best way to control demand. He has a good political case. Metering favours Mayfair million-



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aires (as well as poor single pensioners) but hits big families on modest incomes. So compulsory metering would either hit millions on tight budgets or force a rise in public spending to compensate them. Mr Dobson has nearly focused instead on leaks, but that will not do for long. Leaks were given low priority because, once the industry improves its housekeeping, they become dispropor-tionately expensive to stop. That means customers would ultimately may more, unless improvements to the waters are downgraded.

Environmental objectives often do conflict with other worthy aims. If house prices are not to soar and housebuilders and housing associations are to fulfil the projected need for four million new dwellings at modest cost, they will have to build on open land and generate vast amounts more car traffic.

Green aims even conflict with each other. By far the worst Western European threat to the global weather balance is the rundown of nuclear power. Bypasses and polluting congestion really are alternatives. Wind farms help the air but scar the landscape. Politicians of every hue now fashionabaly denigrate the out-ofnown superstores beloved of us Middle Englanders. Yet few rail

stadiums. Some conflicts can be resolved; others cannot and something has to give. The danger is that green issues will be promoted only to save Treasury cash, or that politically correct gestures will

make do for substance. The best way to harmonise economic and green priorities as much as possible is to plan ahead with industry and commerce. The Environmental Industries Commission, whose members make or instal anti-pollution equipment and the like, is trying to do this with the Department of Trade and Industry. Programmes to develop new processes and equipment, and then to raise legal standards here and across the EU at a manageable pace, can promote British firms and allow market forces to show where gains can be made to

best economic advantage.

Programmes are needed for the

North Sea and for power stations, although here, as in transport, UK initiatives are hampered by the loss of British-owned manufacturers. Britain may be hard put to take the initiative in developing cheap petrol/electric cars.

Tomorrow's government will have no strategy. To acquire one it will at least have to bring together the Trade, Transport and Environment Secretaries, not just hope that green dye will do the trick. As in tax policy or pensions, such huge gaps are frustrating for voters. But they can be a boon to

business, as well as for journalists. If most policies were decided at elections, detailed business experience would count for little. As it is, up to five years of argument and lobbying lie ahead. When government has few firm plans, it is up to the rest of us to suggest acceptable ones. Under the Tories, green campaigners learnt to offer measures that operate through market forces. If the ultimate objective is shared, there are usually many different ways you can choose to

Would the winner please strike a balance between boom and bust

Lord Alexander

of Weedon

sets out the

terms of a manifesto

for business

am a Conservative, and believe that the achieve-ments of the last Government are in danger of being much under appreciated. But whatever my own views, the company I work for has a long tradition of political neutrality. With more than 120,000 ordinary shareholders and 7 million customers all with their different views, it is only right that we should be so. So it is in this attempted impartial spirit that I give my views of what the business agenda needs for the

next five years.

Top of the list must be the need to preserve and reinforce a stable economic environment. The price business and banks paid for the last "boom and bust" economic cycle has seared the souls of a generation of business leaders. Large and stability is critical to all their business planning, investment and financing. The current trends are fairly clear. Manufacturing growth is subdued. partly due to the strong pound. But consumer growth is accelerating. So is wage growth. The labour market is tightening. There are also increasing signs of skills shortages. While it may not help manufacturing, the priority manufacturing the statement. priority must be to edge up. interest rates as promptly as may be necessary to guard against inflation. Let us hope an initial small increase will be enough. But the Government

must not hesitate. We are one of a diminishing, number of countries in which interest-rate decisions are taken by politicians. It is, regrettably, no part of the election manifesto of either potential government to make the Bank of England independent. Ken Clarke has improved transparency and clarified accountability through the publication of minutes of meetings with Eddie George. What is now needed is to take control of monetary policy out, of politics. Some day we will



... Lord Alexander believes there is less between Labour and Conservatives at this election than at any before

evidence of the success of those economies that have done so. But there seems little sign that any prospective government would do this in the near future. Business also badly needs a constructive approach to Europe. The arguments for our commed participation in the European Union are formidable. To cut the painter and float offshore would be immensely damaging. We need our place in Europe for our trade, as encouragement to inward investment in this country, and for the long-term health of the City of London. The party manifestos make it plain that the chances of being in the first wave of EMU are negligible. But we still must play a constructive role in the discussion on this and issues on the

future of which a decision is to be taken under a UK presidency. Any government must also be open-minded about our future participation if EMU is successfully launched. Otherwise we could throw away prospects of exchange-rate sta-bility so important to exportersand importers. We could beperhaps take on board the come a marginal offshore cut-

rency, prone to speculation, and carrying higher long-term interest rates. But to stay for long outside a "hard" Euro, if that is how it develops, could do us great damage.

The maintenance of a stable economic environment and a constructive participation in Europe are for me the key to the support that business needs from government. But there are also some important microeconomic tasks. Both parties acknowledge that "Governments do not create jobs, businesses do", and that crucial to tomorrow's jobs will be small businesses. Few would disagree. But we need more than words to provide an environment that encourages growth, risk-taking, innovation and investment. We should build on the supportive record of the last government. They raised the threshold for VAT registration, which currently applies to com-panies trading above £48,000. There are studies which suggest that this can act as a disincentive to growth. Research has shown, too, that small business owners become conditioned by the experience of their early

years. So if fears of the burden of VAT encourage them to run their businesses and survive on a modest scale of operation in the early years, they are less likely to break out of that mind

set and go for growth later on. At the end of last year, Nat-West/Manchester Business School produced a report called Taxing Expansion, in which it was suggested that the VAT threshold be raised to £100,000. This would be a real incentive, and, added to vigilance in lessening bureaucracy and regulation, would help developing

There is another simple step that government could take to help business. They need to tackle even more actively the enduring problem of late pay-ment of debt. Right across the last recession and beyond, this was a consistent source of hardship for the small business sector. I have long been in favour of legislation to provide a statutory right to interest on overdue debt, because I believe it will bring out a badly needed

Business, too, needs certainty as to the tax structure so as to plan its investment. The more certain the future, the more likely investors are to take risks. The more certain the future, the more latent entrepreneurs will he awakened. In the last years, business has largely had this certainty. With increases in basic taxation levels ruled out there will be concern as to whether a new Labour Government would stick fully to its pledged support for business. Where will they raise the shortfall to meet spending needs? The windfall tax on utilities does not give too much cause for confidence, it is a doctrinaire tax which, as the institution of Fiscal Studies has shown, will be horizontally

inequitable. Elsewhere, the minimum wage is attractive as a concept of social equity. But research suggests that many of those who would benefit are not among the poorest. Nor can the fears that employment would be reduced be dismissed. The Social Chapter is an even more unknown quantity. Its basic broad terms are unexceptional

forgotten that it emphasises the importance of promoting competition. It would be comparatively harmless if left to be implemented at national level under the doctrine of subsidiarity. But it carries the danger that the Commission will force on us directives such as the Working Time Directive.

Nor to enhance prosperity in our society can we ignore the need to provide for our financial security in retirement. Saving evels are currently strong, at just under 13 per cent as opposed to just over 6 per cent 1988. But we need dramatically to improve the provision for financial security in retirement. The whole topic of pensions has recently received much attention. It is a key issue in the medium term.

According to the IFS, by 2030 basic state pension will be worth just 8 per cent of average 20 per cent in the late 1970s and 15 per cent now. The emphasis must move to the individual. The financial services industry will have a large role to play. But it is not just business but our national finances and the welfare of our people which need a government that is prepared to grasp this issue. lmaginative consideration nust de given to tax uncentivo for private pension provision, and immediate and long-term

healthcare. Where does the balance of advantage fall? Both parties have firm commitments on economic stability. The Conservarives have a good record of supporting small business, but Labour are pledged to introduce a statutory right of interest on debt paid late. The Conservatives have a known track record of successful economic management. Labour have not yet had the chance to build one.

One conclusion is that there has never been less between the two parties. Business has less cause to fear from Labour promises than ever before. Ironically, the Conservatives' achievements are the triumph of capitalism and the accelerated burial of socialism by new Labour. So it is not surprising that the business view is no longer monolithic. Whatever business leaders say there is much on which their individual shareholders and employees can and should make up their own minds.

Lord Alexander is chairman of National Westminster Bank

Tadpole that failed to star as frog-prince

Fraser Nelson on a management drive

to revive an ailing technology company

O offins, as thousands of B private investors have learnt to their cost, make poor salesmen. They come to the market with a dazzling new product, con-vinced their brainchild will be

They float and proceed halfmesmerised by their own technical wizardry, little worried if the sales figures are a little slow in starting. A few production hiccups and a few lost contracts later, the cash becomes a problem and the inventor is replaced by a businessman to strip assets and stop the bleeding.

Although the sorry formula could be applied to any number of fallen technical stocks. Tadpole Technology stands been funded by fund managers' bonuses but from the nesteggs of thousands of private investors. When it floated at 65p a share five years ago, it had a roaring welcome from the market and the industry as its product — a revolutionary laptop computer - was acclaimed the fastest and most developed in the world.

li such devices were life way ahead, then Tadpole's rechnology was the stock to buy. More than 3,000 investors piled in and have now lost £97.1 million between them. Tadpole failed to metamorphise into a frog-prince. For while it can make clever computers, it has failed to demonstrate it can make enough at the right price and sell them at a profit. Its undoing was the move by

George Gray, founder and chief executive, to bring to market the Pl000 laptop. However, the device did not produce a penny in return on E5 million of investment. Next came the ALPHA notebook. but it was forced out of the market. Soon, Tadpole was heading ever more sharply

Mr Gray was replaced last summer by Bernard Hulme, Operation, the Unix software giant. He dumped the P1000 and spent the money reviving the dull but profitable computer boards business.

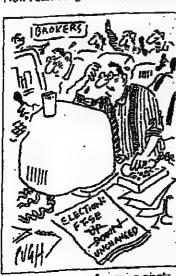
But six months on, investors are still awaiting results. The company still burnt up £4.3 million in overheads in the last six months, against £8.4 million in the whole of the previous financial year. Sharecompany is now in a cash crisis: either raise £2.5 million through a rights issue, which dilutes an already crippled investment, or the company goes into liquidiation.

Albert E Sharp, which has placed the new 10p shares with institutions, says Tadpole is now the definitive speculative punt. It placed hope in Tad pole's brand name - dirt in the City but still respected in some technology circles. Mr Hulme is billing the

company as new Tadpole with a fair prospect of revival. With a market value of £6.3 million, there seems little prospect of a takeover approach. Its main bait was the technology division, but that is being stripped to make ends meet, taking the former wonder stock more or less back where it started.

Copper-plated

some had news for those nice chaps and head of the civil copper probe, Charlie "Copperfingers" Vincent and has hung up his magnifying glass and dusting powder. Thus the good luxurious life in Monte Carlo. They, luxurious life in Monte Carlo. They, and their Winchester group of companies, have been tormented for years by the unwarranted attentions, they say, of investigators looking into the \$1.8 billion Sumitomo Corporanon copper scandal and trying to decide who, if anyone, was to blame. Now Alan King, chief investigator at

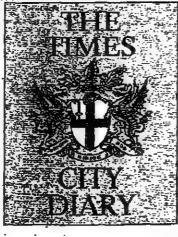


Things are so busy no one's going to have the time to vote" today he has returned to work for another watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board - as a lead adviser on the copper case.

 THANKS to Barclays Bank and Cellnet, that braying twit next to you on the train this morning who has already phoned his office three times to demonstrate how indispensable he is can be even more irritating in future. He will soon be able to call up his bank and credit card statements on a special screen and leave them lying around in easy view, so demonstrating how much he earns and how fast he can spend it. It's called progress, I believe.

Property play

IF YOU bump into a captain of industry looking a little more fragile than usual this morning, then he or she was probably at Claridge's last night to celebrate the retirement of Peter Winfield at the age of 70 after the best part of 46 years with Healey & Baker. The guest list reads like Who's Who in Retail and Property,



names like Ronson, Ritblat, Mobbs and MacLaurin jumping off the page. Winfield started off in property sticking down stamps and making the tea at a South Kensington estate agents and rose to be senior partner. He will now go off to favour his second "career", as breeder of racehoraes.

Star-struck

THE stars left the Bafta ceremony on Tuesday night with a generous bag of goodies, courtesy of the event's sponsors, our friends at Citibank. Among the luxuries such as cologne, cigars, Jaeger discount vouchers and jelly beans (jelly beans?) was a copy of something called Focus on the Cay-

man islands, spelling out the virtues of this tiny tax haven far, far away from any Gordon Brown tax grab. Curious, because the luvvies' sympathies were with the left, with award presenters such as Eddie lazard, the cross-dressing comedian, and Julie Christie openly looking forward to a Labour government.

Brass neck

STRONG men know not to tangle with the Stock Exchange, whose weapons strike fear into the hearts of wrong-doers everywhere. Why, yesterday a particularly rancid can of worms called Greenhills, a restaurants cumpany that in time-honoured fashion took the punters' money, ignored them completely thereafter and then went bust, got its comeup-pance. The Stock Exchange censured it. But what is this? The Exchange has not censured any of the company's directors and its censure of the company should not be taken as implying criticism of any director's conduct," the official notice reads. What on earth is the point of failing to criticise the homan beings running the company, and reserving your censure for an inanimate object? "You've been a naughty, naughty brass plate. Don't do it again."

Alles in ordnung

WITH brutal Teutonic thoroughness, the powers that be at Deutsche

Morgan Grenfell have picked through a list of 80,000 investors who lost money in the Peter Young affair and compensated them all.

This week the cheques should finally arrive. The biggest is to an unnamed institution, for £4 million. But the German masters - colloquially known to their British underlings at Morgan Grenfell here for some reason as "tickets", or "ticket touts", I understand - were determined all would be paid off in full. Alles, verstehen Sie? Alles! So three cheques went out to three investors for a penny apiece.



The Peter Young affair has led to compensation payments



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Punt at five-year low to sterling

FROM EILEEN McCabe

THE Irish pound fell yesterday to its lowest level against sterling in more than five years after the Central Bank stopped supporting it in the currency

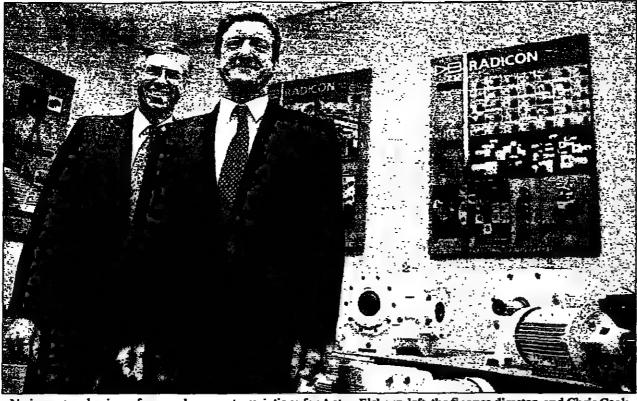
After spending up to IrE300 million over the past two weeks trying to shore up the value of the pound against sterling, the bank apparently changed tack yesterday and withdrew from the market. After slipping from 1r94.25p to 1r91.5p against sterling in early morning trade, the Irish currency steadied to finish the day at Ir92.Sp. The Irish currency also fell back to DM258 from Tuesday's close of DM2.64.

The latest volatility in the markets can be traced back to remarks by Ruari Quinn the Irish Finance Minister, Several weeks ago he said that he would like to see the Irish curreney decline from its very high levels within the ERM grid. Currency dealers pounced on the comments and began selling off the Irish currency.

The problem for the Central Bank is that it wants the Irish pound to strengthen against sterling in order to choke off any inflationary threat from higher priced imports from Brimin. But it is also anxious that the Irish pound should weaken against other European currencies in the run up to EMU so that it can be locked into the euro at a competitive rate.

Unfortunately for the bank it has so far been unable to engineer such movements mostly because currency dealers continued to treat the Irish pound as a sterling clone.

The whole issue of exchange rates, particularly against sterling, again brings into sharp focus the problems that the Irish Republic may face if it joins EMU and its biggest trading partner. Britain. stays



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No impact on business from exchange-rate variations for Anton Elsborg, left, the finance director, and Chris Cook

Ellison waiting game as Apple bid is put on hold

LARRY ELLISON, the flampersonal fortune of boyant software billionaire around \$6 billion to mount the and founder of Oracle Corp. has suspended plans to bid offer which, at Apple's current share price, would have been for Apple Computer, the ailworth around \$2.1 billion.

ing computer manufacturer. The bid plans embarrassed Mr Ellison said that he Steve Jobs, the founder of may still buy Apple shares as Apple, who is now an advisor an investment, and may deto Gil Amelio, the chief execucide to launch a full bid in the tive. Mr Ellison said that he future, but was shelving his was discussing the idea with proposed bid for the time Mr Jobs. A close friend of Mr Ellison, Mr Jobs insisted that Some analysts speculated that he anticipates a further he had no part in the scheme to oust Mr Amelio and the rest slide in the company's shares of Apple's management. later this year if its recovery Mr Ellison believes that

Apple should pull out of selling personal computers and concentrate instead on making low-cost networking computers linked to the Internet. Such a move would mesh well with Oracle's business of creating networking software.

His decision to drop the bid may come as a blow to Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi Arabian investor, who bought a 5 per cent stake in Apple in March, making him the largest shareholder. With no prospect of a buyer for Apple, the shares are likely to fall further unless there is a spectacular turnaround in the company's

In the second quarter of its financial year Apple reported a \$708 million loss as worldwide sales plunged by 33 per cent. A survey by Dataquest, a computer consultancy firm, showed that the company was no longer in the top five personal computer sellers. Apple has retained Goldman Sachs, the investment bank, to help it to fight off prospective bids.

Currency boost for David Brown

By OLIVIER AUGUST

DAVID BROWN GROUP bucked the recent trend of UK exporters hit by the rise of sterling. The group saw no impact on its global engineer-ing business from exchangerate variations last year.

Chris Cook, chairman, said: The City expected to see a significant currency loss. But the impact of the rising pound has been neutral."

He conceded that some sales may have been lost as sterling prices rose, but said the group was favourably affected by the exchange-rate movement of the Australian dollar. In 1997 so far, currency losses amount to £400,000 but first-quarter orders are up 27 per cent on last year. Mr Cook said: "Our mar-

gins are improving contin-uously. We are successfully putting significant resources into making the business more efficient."

In the year to January 3] pre-tax profits rose to £17.2 million, from £14.1 million. Earnings per share rose to 17.7p, from 15.3p, and the full-year dividend was 8.4p, from 7.6p, with a 5.75p final.

The strongest area of growth was the geared motor

boxes in light industrial appli-

cations has been soaring. Mr Cook said: "In terms of strategy, we are aiming for more of ther same. We are working on new plant developments, making our businesses even more global. In past we have grown through acquisitions. While this will continue, there are no immediate targets." The international proportion of the group's business has grown from 40 per cent to 60 per cent. David Brown shares rose lop to 200 p yesterday.

More jobs to go at **Kvaerner Energy**

in Scotland. Up to 137 jobs are to go at the company's thermal power division at Clydebank. The cutbacks, amounted yesterday, follow the 140 redundancies announced in November and will reduce the workforce to about 700. Chris-Packard, president of Kvaerner Energy, said: "Continuing intense competition in the market place and a lack of new orders has forced the company to make this decision." He said it was hoped the number of compulsory redundancies might be reduced by transferring some staff to the energy

division's sister company in Oslo.

The threat of further job losses was raised in February when Kvaerner Energy said it needed to achieve E32 million annual cost savings. The parent company, which owns Trafalgar House, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits in 1996 to £69.4 million (£225.5 million). A restructuring of Kvaerner's hydro power and thermal power business in Norway is also under way.

Ex-Lands in talks

EX-LANDS, the property company, is in talks over a possible acquisition, which may lead to new appointments to the board. The statement was made in response to a strong rise in shares. The company denied, however, that it was in takeover talks that may lead to a bid, saying: "Contrary to press speculation the board is not engaged in talks involving a takeover of the company." Ex-Lands added: "Any shares that may be issued as consideration for these acquisitions will be issued at less than the current share price." The shares fell 1p to 204 p, after a run from 74 p last September.

Life Numbers loss

LIFE NUMBERS, the largest of Britain's personalised phone number companies, said yesterday that it expects to break even this month after reporting "disappointing" results in the half year to December 31. The company has cut costs to increase margins; overhead expenses, as a result, have declined by 50 per cent. Life Numbers, which floated on the Alternative Investment Market last July, reported a pre-tax loss of £351,000, or 7p a share, on sales of £285,000. It attributed the loss partly to increased competition. The shares closed unchanged at 9p.

Dolphin acquisition

DOLPHIN PACKAGING has acquired Food Containers, a manufacturer of plastic food trays and punnets based in Leeds, for £2.25 million. In the year to June 30, 1996, Food Containers, a privately owned company, earned a pre-tax profit of £321,473 on turnover of £2.63 million. Net assets were £674,000 at the financial year-end. Dolphin, which said the acquisition will immediately enhance earnings, will fund the purchase from existing facilities. The company said that it expects to end the 1997 financial year

Fitzwilton buys stake

FITZWILTON, the Irish industrial holding group, has exercised an option to buy Morgan Stanley's remaining stake in Shuttleway for Ir £23 million. Fitzwilton said that it has told Waterford Wedgwood that this gives it a further holding of 26.5 million Waterford Wedgwood shares. This brings Fitzwilton's total shareholding in the crystal and fine china group to it it 119.66 million or 16.4 per cent of the equity in the group. Through Shuttleway's holding, it now has voting control of more than 19.94 per cent of Waterford.

Amerada quashes Premier speculation

its shareholding in Premier Oil (Carl Mortished writes). Sam Laidlaw, chairman of Amerada's UK subsidiary, quashed speculation that the company was planning a bid or a sale of its 25 per cent interest and said Amerada

AMERADA HESS, the US oil was happy with its invest-company, has no plans to alter ment. He said: "Just because the standstill agreement has come to an end is no reason to announce a change. We don't have anything planned."

Mr Laidiaw yesterday survived a challenge, at the happens if a third party makes Premier annual meeting, to a bid?" he asked, "When a his position as a non-executive matter of substance arises,

director on the board of Premier, from Roland Shaw, the company's former chief executive. Mr Shaw questioned the impartiality of Mr Laidlaw and his ability to represent shareholders properly. "What

per cent of shareholders." Barrie Stephens, Premier chairman, said: "We have never had the slightest conflict of interest between Premier Oil and Amerada Hess." There

were 278 million votes in fayour of Mr Laidlaw's re-election with 10 million opposed.

ACCOUNTANCY

Raw deal from 'one-stop shops'

Clive Parritt on why he believes

being.

plan fails to turn Apple around. Sources close to Mr

Ellison said that a factor in

his decision was the concern

of major Oracle shareholders

that the purchase of Apple

would distract him from

managing his own company.

approached several leading

institutional shareholders in

Apple about mounting a joint

bid for the company, which is

suffering from steeply falling

sales and profits. Mr Ellison

would have used part of his

Last month Mr Ellison

joint practices do not serve the professionals or the public interest

ulti-disciplinary partnerships between accountants and lawyers are growing in number. In some cases the legal and accounting arms of the same firm trade as separate partnerships but the combination is no less real for that. The separation is as artificial as that between auditors and tax advisers in the European

I do not believe that these joint partnerships are beneficial to the public or even to the clients of such firms. There may be some benefit to the professionals themselves, but even this is not free from doubt. On the other hand, I cannot support legal prevention of multi-disclipinary partnerships between lawyers and accountants as has been suggested by some EU commentators - I hope that commercial

logic will prevail. The arguments for combinations seem to be based on the principle that "one-stop shopping" will be good for clients and will improve the profits of the professionals involved. It might be tempting to believe that one-stop shopping could be attractive to clients of legal or accounting firms, but is it really? What

does a client seek? Unless the client believes in Father Christmas, surely he cannot expect a group of professionals who have banded together for profit to offer lower prices. A client using a one-stop

shop will certainly get his advice from one place. But it is not the location of advice that is important to him, but its quality, its relevance and the manner of delivery. The client should always seek the most appropriate advice for the purpose. Would you expect advice on complex tax schemes. High Court litigation, pensions advice, licensing rules, personal tax returns, small shop conveyancing and auditing all to be bought from the same firm, regardless of size or location?

Only occasionally is it likely that the best legal advice for a client problem will be available from the legal arm of an accounting firm or, alternatively, that the best accounting advice will be available from the accounting arm of a legal firm. Worse still, will professionals really be independent and advise clients to go to elsewhere when appropriate?
If there is little in it for

clients, what about the professionals themselves? Professional practice has always been a collegiate activity in which people with similar skills and ideas work together and share experiences in order to build the combined knowledge base of the practice. While there are some similarities between accountants and



Can law firms count on success with joint partnerships?

lawyers, the main technical skills of the professions are different their approach is different and in many areas the type of advice is different. The profit motive alone cannot overcome these differences. even if the extra profit sought

While I refer work to lawyers frequently. I have only two selection criteria. First, is it the firm with the right

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

expertise for the job? Secondly, does its culture (style) match that of the client? Of course I also take note of referrals to my firm, but only after ensuring that the primary selection criteria are achieved.

There is a huge cross-flow of work between accountants and lawyers and I suggest it is for this reason that accounting firms particularly (as the more predatory of the two groups)

nations with firms of lawyers. Clearly they believe they can make more money by persuad-ing the clients of both firms to use just their services. But is this beneficial to clients and will professionals ever again work together so comfortably? Is it realistic to suppose that, unless the multi-disciplinary

partnership has the only ex-pert in a particular field, any competing professional firm will take its clients to a firm where there is a possibility of the client being "poached" by another department of that practice? It is a very brave firm that decides to enter into a business that competes with its clients so visibly.

For many years Baker Tilly has provided specialist advice to the professional practices sector — including legal firms. Quite apart from the crossreferrals, such as litigation support and insolvency, we have prided ourselves on our ability to provide management, business and taxation advice to professional practices.

To maintain this sort of practice it would be unthinkable for a firm such as ours to seek a merger or an association with a firm of solicitors. This is not a public-spirited decision but one made in the interests of our business. I find it surprising that other firms have abandoned this profitable and rapidly growing business so

Joint practices between lawyers and accountants will not, I suggest, serve either the professionals or the public interest.

Clive Parritt is chairman of Baker Tilly.

Get the measure of environmental issues

ROBERT

BRUCE

WHEN the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) first sponsored awards for environmental reporting it held the event in the Natural History Museum,

and the awards were presented amid stuffed lions by the equally leonine and bearded botanist David Bellamy.

This year, the awards' sixth, they were presented by Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman of AEA Technology. The contrast is extraordinary, and it tells its own story. What was seen, even a mere six years ago, as an outcrop of the fashion for the Green Party, recycling and endangered species, has now become something much more serious and businesslike. And it has also, for the accountants, become a measurable activity.

Green sentiments have grown up. What was once a matter of simple concern has turned into hard fact and responsibilities. Look at the last set of accounts from any of the major companies and you will find environmental concerns set out not just as

noble-sounding puffery but as serious cash. The recent accounts from British Gas, for example, showed a provison of £444 million to environmental costs. The recent working paper from the Accounting Standards Board on discounting in financial reporting devoted a lengthy example to the way environmental liabilities should be treated.

These are signs of both the arrival of environmental is sues into the mainstream of business and also the steady realisation that those issues are, like any other area of risk, measurable. This is why the contrast

between Cleaver and Bellamy is so important. Bellamy

was there as a populist raiser of the cause's profile. Cleaver is chairman of Business in the Environment and chaired the Royal Society's Inquiry into Tomorrow's Company. What Cleaver talks about is not whether the lesser meadow-pipit is losing nesting habitat to the gasworks. He talks about measurement. He will say things like "sound environmental practice is sound business practice". He will demonstrate the value to a company and its shareholders of pinning down another risk and managing it.

accountancy profession. If something is measurable, then accountants will be there measuring. As Cleaver also said: "If you can't measure something, you can't manage it." But there are problems. As the report from the awards' judges pointed out, there are no clearly agreed methods of benchmarking environmental practices. There does appear

At the heart of this change lies the

set of 'environmental benchmarking' techniques," It said, "but as yet that demand does not appear to have translated into action."

Roger Adams, head of technical services at the ACCA, also sees another problem. For those people within companies greater disclosure is often greeted with the old knee-jerk reaction of complaining about information overload. And the published accounts of listed companies have grown enormously in recent years. This is partly a simple reaction to the greater criticism of business by shareholders and the public alike. And partly it is because of the move towards wider responsibilities which companies are as-

So there is repidation at more pages of dense figures and explanation, and there is worry that; like all those pages of information on directors' remuneration, this will become another part of the accounts which promises elucidation but delivers

smokescreens. "People," said Adams, "are unhappy about overloading the conventional framework, and 'corporate governance over-load' is always invoked whenever you talk of environmental disclosure."

You can understand the point. British Airways, which won the main award this year, produces a separate environmental report which is already the size of an average full report and accounts. But it fulfils a need; and the need is not simply that of the user, it supplies a

need for the company.
This week has seen skirmish between the Associ-ation of British Insurers and Pirc. the corporate poter

Pirc. the corporate gatery name pressure group, over an environmental resolution at the forthcoming finely annual meeting. Companies need to have shown clear comminment to what are now seen as their wider responsibilities.

One former president of the ACCAFDavid Bishop, is now head of infrastructure and government consulting at KPMG. He is clearly that this is now the accountants' hearthand: "Accountants are able to give a clear and transparent view. He said. But environmental issues, measurable or not, are notified."

tal issues, measurable or not are political issues, and accountants are not always good at those. Bishop is clear that accountaits have broken through into the market of assessing all measures of performance which have financial consequences. We've gone upstream, is how he puts it. But when it. comes to the political consequences, accountants need to ensure that they are not

Dame Sheila sends regrets

THE great Dame Sheila Masters is rumoured to be digging her heels in over her presidential programme when she becomes the first female president of the English ICA in a couple of years' time. Normally presidents attend all of the district society dinners around the country. But Masters has decreed that some of these are too farflung for her. It is believed

that she has limited her non-London engagements to one a for plain-speaking, many accountants north of Watford and west of Swindon are breathing a sigh of relief.

Call to duty

THE firm of Baker Tilly, always a rich source of tales of daft doings in the bureaucratic to repay \$1 million in back

depths of government, runs regular snippers under the title of "red tape" in their newsletter, in the latest they have gone Eurosceptic.

Relating the sorry story of how Brussels has decided that duty-free drink allowances for service personnel should be limited only to Nato forces, they reveal that visiting Commonwealth forces are having duty. "Ironically," says Baker Tilly, "these troops from the Commonwealth only came to Britain in the Forties to help free Europe from tyranny.'
That's telling them.

That awkward age ACCOUNTANCY AGE, the much-loved professional weekly, is going through tur-

Andrew Pring, editor, has left abruptly. No one is saying much about why, "Irreconcilable difficulties" is the phrase being quoted on both sides. Observers wonder whether the policy of trying to charm. rather than savage, the Big Six accountancy firms was wear-ing a bit thin.

Certainly the decision to in-stall Peter "I eat Stoy Hayward partners for breakfast" Williams, a former editor, as acting editor suggests so.

ROBERT BRUCE



Mary and the second second

Battle for survival of America's superheroes

WAR rages for mastery of Spider-Man, The Incredible Hulk, Captain America, the Fan-tastic Four and Mighty Thor. Marvel Entertainment Group, America's leading comic book publisher, is being fought over by rival factions who wish to lead it out of a bankruptcy court

The company's management, installed by Ronald Perelman, the controlling shareholder and financier, announced its reorganisation plan on Monday. It calls for Marvel to merge with Toy Biz, which makes toys based on Marvel characters, and give its Fleer/SkyBox trading card unit and Panini children's sticker company to its bank lenders for sale. Bondholders, led by Carl Icahn, and stockholders get only the right to buy up to 12.5 per cent of the new Marvel.

Investors plot mutiny at Marvel with an alternative rescue to a management plan to save the group from bankruptcy

On Tuesday, the leahn camp fired back. The group submitted its own plan, in which the banks would still get the trading card and sticker units but bondholders would take control of Marvel. They would back a \$365

million stock sale to finance the company.

David Rosner, solicitor for the bondholders' committee, said: "The bondholders' reorganisation plan represents the best oppor-tunity to bring Marvel out of bankruptcy and to return the company to profitability.

Whichever party wins, it appears that Mr Pereiman will lose control. In February, Mr

leahn won a hankruptcy court victory that gave bondholders the right to seize 79 per cent of Marvel's stock. Mr Perelman, who owns those shares, then withdrew his own reorganisation plan, which also included a nerger with Toy Biz.

Marvel Entertainment Group's own plan. which has not yet been filed in a hankruptcy court, was criticised by the bondholders as providing a "windfall at the expense of shareholders" for Toy Biz and the banks, which would also get \$420 million and stock in the combined Marvel/Toy Biz.

Marvel said that it could make no comment yet about the bondholders' plan, submitted to the court on Tuesday. The bondholders' plan would need the approval of US Bankruptcy Court Judge Helen Balick in Wilmington, Delaware, Bondholders would initially get 79 per cent of Marvel stock, the same amount as is backed by their bonds, and other shareholders would own the rest. Fleer/SkyBox and Panini, which the bondholders value at \$385 million, would got to the banks. The bondholders would issue a ten-year promis-

sory note to pay the rest of the bank debt.

Marvel, the largest producer of trading cards in the US, got into financial trouble when collectors, who bought cards and comics with abandon in the late 1980s and early 1990s, lost their appetite for superheroes.



Icahn: rival plan

Grampian plans to expand mills shops

By Sarah Cunningham

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS, the Scottish mini-conglomerate, is planning to open at least 20-more Edinburgh Woollen. Mills shops south of the border this year, and is looking to open up to 100 more branches over the next five

Grampian took full control of the 227-store EWM, in which it already held a 25 per cent stake, last September, paying £64.4 million. The deal caused controversy at the time as it took investors, who had expected Grampian to aban-. don retailing, completely by

Bill Hughes, chairman, said that results released yesterday

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BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

ENTERPRISE OIL and

Marathon Oil have an-

nounced plans for a joint

Sedewick and West Brae

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The companies said re-

serves for the development

are expected to exceed 40

million barrels of oil. Pro-

duction is expected to begin in the fourth quarter

of 1997 at initial rates of

30,000 barrels per day,

with average rates of 27,000 barrels per day anticipated for 1998. The flow from both

Marathon-operated Brae

A platform for processing

and transport through the

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to the Sedgwick co-ventur-

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John McGoldrick, En-

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development."

imately £100 million.

£13.71 million, compared with £10.5 million in the previous 12 months. The figures are hard to compare because the end of the company's financial year has been changed. Only 25 per cent of EWM profits are included for the period to September, and 100 per cent is included for the

had been fully justified. Pre-tax profit in the 13

months to January 31 was

remainder of the year. As well as the openings, about 30 refits are planned for this year. Earnings were 11.51p, com-pared with 10.24p, and the final dividend of 4.65p, com-

pared with 4.22p, payable on August 4, gives a total for the year of 6.56p against 5.99p.

Mr Hughes pointed out that gearing, which had been forecast in rise to 100 per cent at cast to rise to 100 per cent at the year end after the retail acquisition, had in fact come

in at \$6 per cent.

He said that strong trading in the third quarter had continued for the rest of the year. EWM's performance "has exceeded our expectations," he said. Like for like sales were

up 12 per cent cals was £56.9 million, an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year. In the UK and Ireland, sales were 16.2 per cent ahead at £40.5 million, while profits increased 11.8 per cent to £4.73 million. In spite of adverse exchange rates. overseas subsidiaries' turnover grew 8.9 per cent to £16.64 million. The main drivers were successful tender awards in the Middle East and substantial sales of its treatment for sea lice on

fields will be piped to the farmed salmon. At the transport division, turnover was il.9 per cent higher at £48.6 million. The warehousing and distribution systems. Under the terms business continued to expand throughout 1996 and a further 300,000 sq ft of warehouse space will be added this year. tion from the two fields will be allocated 67.5 per Landfill operations were hit by er group, and 32.5 per cent the implementation of the landfill tax in October, while the plant hire division had to cope with a depressed con-

struction sector.

After the acquisition of the Scottish Woollens Group, cial manager, said: "The close proximity of the which came along with EWM. Sedgwick and West Brae the company has formed a fields offered many advanbranded leisure goods divitages for their joint sion, which also includes Dave Smith, Marathon Pitlochry knitwear. The division turned in a loss of £496,000 for the 13 months, Oil's UK president, added: This joint development compared with a profit of demonstrates a flexible ap-£475,000 for the previous 12 proach to structuring commonths. The company is now mercial agreements, and both groups should now reap the benefits." looking at possible synergies.

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Cadbury

shares

take a dip

SHARES in Cadbury

and confectionery company,

slumped 10p to 513½p yes-

terday after it reported that

its US soft drink sales had

risen just I per cent in the first quarter of this year

The market was disap-

pointed with the figures.

which were well below the 6

per cent rise in case sales

announced on Tuesday by

PensiCo, one of Cadhury's

main rivals. The American

soft drinks market as a

whole is estimated to have

grown about 5 per cent in

Cadbury said sales of its

Dr Pepper brand jumped 5

per cent. while volume sales

of 7Up and other brands

the first quarter.

(Alasdair Murray writes).

EDMUND GARTSIDE, chairman and managing director of Shilob, the textile spinners, healthcare and protective clothing company, yesterday re-ported a rise in pre-tax profits to £1.4 million from £841,284 for the year to

THE Halifax has told custom-

ers that they will not be disadvantaged if they use its

free dealing system to sell their shares. The society,

which floats on the stock

market next month, is anxious

to warn customers that re-

questing share certificates and

dealing through other brokers

Those opting for share cer-

tificates are hoping to get a higher price for their holdings in the first week of trading.

Alliance & Leicester share-

holders, who last week dis-

posed of their shares through

firms of stockbrokers, received

as much as £700 more than

those who used the former

society's dealing service. How-

ever, if millions of Halifax

savers and borrowers chose

the share certificate route,

then Crest, the already over-

carries a risk.

Halifax launches

free share service

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

ment

overwhelmed

response".

March 29. Earnings per share were 16.14p (11.64p). There is a final dividend of 3p (2.85p), making a total of 4p (3.85p). The shares rose lip to 142 p. Turnover rose to £35.4 million from £28.1 million. The company benefited

system, could be

The Halifax's postal share dealing service will be free for

the first ten days of trading,

beginning on June 2. Only

those who wish to add to their

holdings will be able to deal by

John Miller, Halifax hous-

ing and tehnology director, said yesterday that the postal

service would ensure a "rapid

at the possibility of telephone

share dealing, but with 7.6

million shareholders, this

would have been impractica-

ble. We also looked at issuing

all members with certificates

but we were concerned that, if

large numbers tried to sell, the

market may have been unable

to cope with getting these certificates into the system in

He continued: "We looked

from a strong performance by the healthcare business and a maiden contribution from the two spinning units acquired from Courtaulds

Shiloh, based in Oldham, Lanca-

shire, said the strength of sterling had adversely affected sales in some areas of the business. The company seeks to overcome this impact through the development of higher-added-value yarms for specialised markets.

Further interest in colliery sale

By Our Industrial Staff

A SECOND potential buyer has emerged for the flooded Monktonhall Colliery near Edinburgh, which went into liquidation with the loss of 300 iobs last week after Waverley Mining, the mining finance house, decided the project was no longer viable.

The Coal Authority set a deadline of close of business today for formal expressions of interest in the mine in Central Scotland.

It advertised the pit in last Friday's Financial Times, giving potential buyers seven days to express an interest.

The Midlothian pit is currently being operated on a care and maintenance basis until its future is settled by the

dropped 2 per cent. Cadbury's US drinks sales liquidator.
John Laurie, the liquidator. account for about 60 per of Coopers & Lybrand, said cent of its total beverage there were now two interested parties in the frame. He

parties would be given a further period of time to develop their business plan and put their proposals together. nally decided to press ahead

said: I cannot disclose infor-

mation about either party who

have lodged interest with me. I

have put them in touch with

the Coal Authority, who are

Authority said nothing could be divulged until after the

closing date.

John Delaney of the Coal

He added: "Any interested

trying to sell Monktonhall."

Waverley Mining had origiwith Monktonhall, believing that problems with dampness could be resolved. Last week. however, it decided that the problems with flooding were too big to contain. Union leaders, on the other hand, believed that the pit could become viable.

BHP to close down steel operation

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

CUT-THROAT competition in the worldwide steel industry claimed more victims as BHP. announced it is to close its steelmaking operation in the country's industrial heartland of Newcastle.

It was not a decision taken lightly. BHP's links with Newcastle, a town north of Sydney, date back to 1915, and until recently every BHP chief at least spent some of his working life there.

The town is dominated by its steelworks and the closure of the plant will mean the loss of 2.500 direct jobs, with thousands more likely to go as the impact of the closure ripples through the town.

BHP claims it had no other option in the face of fierce competition, especially from Asia where the likes of Taiwan and South Korea are seeking to increase market share.

Ron McNeilly, chief executive of BHP's steel business. said a 12-month review of the business confirmed that the world steel industry "will continue to be characterised by intense competition, falling prices, increasingly demanding customer needs, the emergence of new low capital ntensive technologies and the need for a relentless focus on

plan to establish its own steelmaking facilities in Asia. Instead, it has decided to allow its three existing steel processing plants there to buy their raw steel requirements from the cheapest source. It has made it clear that it will concentrate its efforts on building up value-added niche markets. targeting the coated, painted and finished sections of the market in the hope of securing higher margins than are pos-

sible from steel production. Perhaps the biggest surprise to Australia's investment community was not that BHP was closing its steel operations but that it had decided to remain in the business at all. Last year steel profits dived 76 per cent to A\$153 million (£76.5 million), a result that helped to bring down its overall profits by 20 per cent to A\$1.29 billion.

burdened new share settletime for settlement." **Soco International to float**

BY CARL MORTISHED

SOCO INTERNATIONAL, 201 oil company with interests in Russia, Mongolia, Yemen, Tuinternational interests of Snyder Oil, an American com-

Soco International's main focus is to develop a concession in Mongolia, which the company believes has signifi-cant potential, including the BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BG, the demerged pipeline and international division of British Gas, said the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into pricing could jeopardise the future of competition for household supply. David Varney, BG chief executive, said: "It is essential

the pipeline network — and

full domestic competition by the end of 1908." BG and the regulator have fought a bitter battle over pricing proposals for Transco

BG warning over competition

for this MMC inquiry to pro-

vide Transco with long-term

regulatory clarity and stabil-

ity, which is vital for the

successful implementation of

the MMC. Its findings are due to be finalised this month.

Mr Varney told BG's annual meeting that Transco could not set in place the framework for competition unless it had sufficient resources, a clear warning that a tough MMC decision would jeopardise extension of the market from the 212 million homes that shop their dispute was referred to around for a gas supplier.

prospect of selling oil to China. shares, amounting to 10 per cent of Soco. Cairn is selling its Cairn Energy, meanwhile, onshore interests in the UK said that the disposal was part

nisia and the UK, is planning to raise \$75 million in a flotation on the London Stock Exchange which could value the company at \$250 million. The company is a collection of assets made up from the

By Our Business Staff

MANFRED SCHNEIDER

chairman of Bayer, the German group, said that some

chemicals businesses may be

Herr Schneider told the

group's shareholders' meet-

ing: The developments in the

chemicals division in the first

quarter were disappointing.

and despite higher sales, oper-

ating earnings were lower and

some divisions even posted a

"Structural problems are

the cause of this, mostly due to

technological deficits, changed

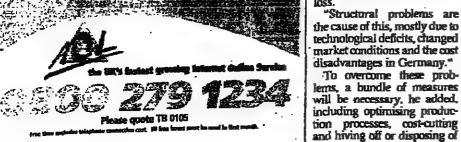
disadvantages in Germany."

sold off or shut down.

pany, and the non-core assets of Cairn Energy, which have been sold for \$40 million plus and certain assets in Mongolia, Tunisia and Yemen amounting to 28.6 million barrels of oil equivalent.

of its "go or grow" strategy, which requires it to sell assets no longer material to the Chemicals shake-up at Bayer

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Manfred Schneider said some businesses will have to close

market conditions and the cost activities. Herr Schneider said: "We will not be able to To overcome these probavoid shutting down unecolems, a bundle of measures cannot be restructured satiswill be necessary, he added,

Bayer will look at various options, including partnerships in order to place its chemicals business on a more solid base for the future, he

Bayer AG also said that it expected profits in 1997 to be at least in line with 1996's DM2.7 billion, adding that it expected proved economic conditions.

1997 group sales of more than DMS0 billion. The forecast was more

downbeat than last month. when the group said that it had a realistic chance of topping 1996 profits this year, and profits and sales for this year were at the lower end of expectations. Bayer's first-quarter 1997

pre-tax profits rose 5 per cent to DM1,218 billion on turnover of DM13.172 billion, up from DM12.176 billion. Sales in 1996 totalled DM48.6 billion.

Analysts were disappointed

with the performance and the shares fell after the figures were announced. Initially, the stock was down 1.14 per cent, or 80 plennigs, at DM69.40. One analyst said the figures "were a big disappointment", adding that sales should have risen further, given the group's im-



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Exception must be treated with caution

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Green Cartridge Co (Hong Kong) Ltd

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Hope Craighead and Lord Hutton [Judgment April 30]

The spare parts everption pro-pounded by the House of Lords in British Leyland Motor Corporation Lid v Armstrong Patents Co Lid [1986] AC 577) should be

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so stated when allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. Canon Kabushiki Kaisha, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong which by a majority on the copyright issue had allowed an appeal by the defendant, Green Cartridge Co tHong Kong) Ltd from the judg-ment in the High Court of Hong Kong of Mr Justice Rogers, who had been granted the plaintiff an injunction restraining the defen-dant from infringing the plainuff's convrient in certain drawings.

Mr David Kitchin, QC and Mr Paul Shieh, of the Hong Kong Bar, for the plaintiff, Mr Simon Thorley, QC and Mr Stewart Wong, of the Hong Kong Bar, for

LORD HOFFMANN said that the question was whether the spare parts doctrine recognised in the British Levland case entitled the defendant to infringe the plaintiff's copyright in drawings of parts of the cartridges used with its photocopiers and luser printers.

During the lifetime of the plaintiff's machines various of the components would need to be replaced and the supply of toner renewed. The plaintiff decided to include a supply of toner and those parts in a single disposable plastic cartridge to be inserted by the owner of the machine when the luner gave out.

The aftermarket, as it was called, in cartridges contributed

Before Lord Bingham of Comhill.

Lard Chief Justice, Mr Justice Latham and Mr Justice Poole

It was an unsatisfactory position that the English Courts had no

power to give effect to a judgment

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[Judgment April 24]

its typical laser printers was US\$1,700, and during a projected ife of five years or 200,000 copies the owner would need about 62 cartridges at \$130 each. Involving a further expenditure of \$7.500

Although the aftermarket was dominated by the plaintiff's sales of new cartridges, there was also in Hong Kong a cortage industry of refilling used cartridges comprising 40 per cent of the market there.

The defendant manufactured Hong kong and for export in competition with those of the plaintiff. The plaintiff commenced proceedings, inter alia, for infringement of capyright in the drawings from which 48 of the parts for the cartridge had been

It was conceded that the plaintiff was entitled to artistic copyright in those drawings. Accordingly, by sections I(I) and 3(5)(a) of the Copyright Act 1956, extended to Hong Kong by the Copyright (Hong Kong) Order (SI 1972 No 1734), the plaintiff had the exclusive right to reproduce the drawings in any material form.

The spare parts exception was peeches of Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Templeman. Their reasoning was not entirely

Lord Bridge had said (at po25) that the owner of a car: "must be entitled to do whatever is necessary to keep it in running order and to effect whatever repairs may be necessary in the most economical way possible." That was a right inherent in the ownership of the car itself

In the case of an exhaust pipe, he could exercise that right by producing a copy himself or instructing to repair could be of value only if other people could manufacture copy exhausts which the motorist could acquire in an unrestricted

ing) Act 1986. They were each fined

ELS00 and appealed against

conviction by leave of the single

The appellants relied on the

decision in R v Saunders (The Times November 28, 1995; [1996] 1

Cr App R 403) in which Lord

Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief

Justice, had given the judgment

and stated that if Mr Saunders

were to go to the European Court

of Human Rights at Strasbourg

and succeed there, as he had, the

United Kingdom's obligations

under the European Convention

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doms (1953, Cmd 8969) would

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Thus there was a clear conflict of legal rights: the owner's right of repair and the manufacturer's copyright. The question was which right should prevail over the other. In Lord Bridge's view, it was the

Lord Templeman (at ppt/28-045) had approached the question dif-ferently. He found an analogy in the principle that a grantor might not derogate from his grant. The manufacturer, having sold the car, should not be entitled to derogate from his grant by using his copyright to prevent the owner from buying a spare exhaust in the open market. The principle of nonderogation was based upor the presumed intention of the panies. But Lord Templeman (at pb43)

regarded the right to repair as inalienable: "Every owner of a car has the right to repair it. That right would be useless if suppliers of spare party were not entitled to anticipate the need for repair. The cannot, in my view, be withheld by the manufacturer of the car by contract with the first purchaser and cannot be withheld from any subsequent owner." That was quite different from nondenigation from grant as under-strod in the law of property.

The British Levland source parts exception could not be regarded as truly founded upon any principle of the law of contract or property. It as instead an expression of what the House perceived as overriding public policy, namely the need to prevent a manufacturer from using copyright, as opposed to patents or design right, in order to control the aftermarket in spare

it was a strong thing, not to say constitutionally questionable, for a judicially declared head of public policy to be treated as overriding or qualifying an express statutory

The question whether it was contrary to the public interest for a manufacturer to be able to exercise monopoly control over his aftermarket could not usually be

which gave power to the Secretary

of State for Trade and Industry to

appoint inspectors to carry out

to produce documents, attend and

give all assistance in connection

Section 177 of the 1986 Act

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"(6) A statement made by a person in compliance with a requirement imposed by virtue of

this section may be used in evidence against him."

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It was not necessary for the purposes of the appeal to form any view on whether the existence of copyright was capable of giving the plaintiff such economic power in the aftermarket as to be anticompetitive and contrary to the public interest. The question was a complicated one which could not be solved by broad generalisation. The basis of the decision in British Leyland appeared to rest

First, a compelling analogy with the kind of repair which the ordinary man who bought an article would unquestionably as-sume that he could do for himself, or commission someone else to do. without infringing any rights of

Second, an assumption that the exercise of monopoly power in the aftermarket by means of copyright would unquestionably operate against the interests of consumers. in which the unfairness to the customer and the anti-competitive nature of the monopuly was as plain and obvious as it appeared to

the House in British Levland, the

jurisprudential and economic ba-

sis for the doctrine became extremely fragile. In the present case the analogy with repair was far weaker. The cartridge would usually be replaced at a stage when nothing whatever in the photocopier re-quired repair. It would simply

have rup out of toper. There could be said to be an element of preventive mainte-nance: certain items were replaced because there was a distinct possibility they might give out at some time in the near future. But those items formed only a relatively small part of the unit which

vas being replaced. Mr Thorley said that in British Leyland it was assumed that the exception permitted the manufacture of entire exhaust assemblies,

circumstances, including the

of the evidence would have such an

adverse effect on the fairness of the

proceedings that the court ought not to admit it."

Mr Stephen Batten, QC and Mr

Alexander Cameron, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Morrissey: Mr David Gibson-

Lee, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Staines; Mr

Peter Clark, QC and Mr James

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

giving the judgment of the court, reviewed the facts and said that the

appellants' argument was that,

despite the language of section 177(b), the court should, in view of

ted Kingdom (The Times Decem-

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serviceable. The point was not debated in *British Lepland* but it could be assumed that the House did not regard that feature as taking the product outside the repair analogy.

But one could not use that as a

base from which to extend the analogy still further: there came a point when so little of the replacement could be described as repair or even in lieu of repair that the analogy ceased to be plausible. On the competition aspect the

present case was far weaker than British Leyland. First, the cost of a replacement exhaust, was relatively small in relation to the capital and other running costs of the vehicle. The House appeared to have assumed that purchasers were unlikely to adopt lifetime costing in assessing the relative attractions of rival makes of wehicles and that competition in the market for the cars themselves would not therefore event anti-competitive practices

portance of the cost of curtridges as a proportion of the lifetime cost of the machine, it would be impos-sible without evidence to make

the aftermarket.

Second, there was already cometition in the aftermarket between the plaintiff and the relillers. It could not be assumed without evidence that the exercise of its intellectual property rights was giving the plaintiff a monopoly position, let alone that the position

vas heing abused. The features of unfairness and abuse of monopoly power under-lying the decision in British Ley-land could not be said to be plainly and obviously present, and the analogy with repair was not strong enough to bring the case within that exceptional doctrine.

Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed

Rogers restored.

Solicitors: Taylor Joynson Gar-

Courts powerless to follow Human Rights judgments

Walter Saunders in respect of the decision in R v Saunders, conclude that the compulsory powers to obtain answers and the use of those answers in criminal proceed

ings rendered the proceedings unfair and should be excluded. If their Lordships were to exclude the evidence in the present appeals, the court would be obliged to exclude such evidence in all such cases. That would amount to a repeal at least partially of an English statute in deference to a

ruling in the European Court of Human Rights which, as a matter of strict law, was irrelevant. Section 177 of the 1986 Act expressly authorised the use of idence and that amounted to a statutory presumption that it was to be treated as fair, at any rate in the absence of special features

answers unfair. Their Lordships were in agreethe present position was very unsatisfactory. The present appellants had, or might have, grounds for complaining in Strasbourg and, if the penalty was enforced and the incurred costs on seeking relief they might have claims for

esty's Government. Their Lordships' court could not remedy that. Our domestic law remained as in Saunders. The United Kingdom remained

subject to the treaty obligations to, give effect to the European Convention of Human Rights as interpreted by the Court of Human court could not enforce. dismiss the appeals.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Trade and Industry.

The court's jurisdiction in re-spect of all the defendants stood or fell by its jurisdiction in respect of the first defendant. That depended **Judgments April 28** The High Court had a discretion whether or not to make an order for the production of documents required for the sole purpose of establishing the court's iurisdiction.

The Canada Trust Co and

Others v Stolzenberg and

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Millett and Lord Justice

Others

Ward

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an interlocutory appeal by the plaintiffs, The Canada Trust Co, The Royal Trust Corporation at the relevant date. of Canada and Chrysler Canada Ltd, from the dismissal by Mr-Justice Ratter on April 22, 1997, of their application for orders under Order 38, rule 13 of the Rules of the

Supreme Court, to produce documents at proceeding other than trial, for the production by various third parties of documents required to provide evidence of residence in the United Kingdom of the first defendant, Mr Wolfgang Stolzenberg. The matter was dered to be restored for hearing

Mr Christopher Carr, QC and Mr Phillip Marshall for the plain-The judge, treating the matter as one of principle, had refused the tiffs; the first defendant did not appear and was not represented: Andrew Hochhauser, QC and Mr Martin Griffiths for the second, seventh, tenth, lifteenth, sixteenth and eighteenth defendants: Mr Marco Gambazzi, Trustfina However, the judge had con-used two different jurisdictions:

One was the jurisdiction to try Anstalt, Mora Hotel Corporation NV. Bogrin Financiera SA, Geam SA, and Yosaly Investment Inc. Mr Tom tvory for the fourth defendant, Mr E. Bänziger: Mr Joe Smouha for the eleventh defen-

The High Court was a court of unlimited jurisdiction. That did not mean that its jurisdiction was universal and unrestricted, it meant that, unlike inferior courts, it had jurisdiction to decide the and limits of its own

other parties. There was no single natural forum for the litigation. The plain-

dant, Unionmatex GmbH; the other defendants did not appear

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said

that the plaintiffs, trustees of a number of Canadian pension

funds, claimed to be the victims of

a series of massive and complex

international frauds perpetrated

over many years by the first. defendant. To recover the pro-

and were not represented.

tiffs decided to proceed in England, basing the jurisdiction on the alleged residence of the first defen-dant here and claiming that the or proper parties to the

Power to make order to

establish jurisdiction

on whether or not he was domi-ciled in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, which broadly corresponded with the English concept of residence and substantial connection,

The defendants' case was that the evidence assembled by the plaintiffs was insufficient to estab-lish the flux defendant's residence

in England.

The plaintiffs intended primarfly to rely on evidence of the first defendant's past residence in London and his continuing presence here but they also applied under Order 38, rule 13 for orders directed against banks and other bodies requiring them to produce documents which were likely to furnish evidence of his address at the relevant date.

application on the ground that, ere the issue was one of jurisdiction, the court would not lend its process to a plaintiff to enable him to establish jurisdiction.

the issues in the action which was disputed. That derived from the Brussels Convention scheduled in the 1982 Act and depended on whether the first defendant was domiciled in the United Kingdom. decide whether it had jurisdiction to try the issues in the action. That was an inherent jurisdiction and its existence was beyond dispute.

ceeds, the plaintiffs had also brought proceedings against 36 jurisdiction. It had an indisputable

If it decided that it had no entertain them its decision was iurisdiction, of the second kind. If it made a mistake and

erroneously assumed a jurisdic-tion, of the first kind, to entertain substantive proceedings which it did not truly possess, it made an one which went to its own jurisdiction, of the second kind. It was inherent in the rule of law

itself that somewhere in any ju-dicial system there had to be a court which possessed jurisdiction to determine the limits of its own

Therefore the process of the court was not confined to the case where jurisdiction, of the first kind, had already been established. By accoding to the plaintiffs' applicanon to order the production of documents, the court would not be making any assumption that it had jurisdiction to try the action. It would not be exercising that

disputed jurisdiction, but a very different jurisdiction, that was to say its undoubted jurisdiction to determine its own jurisdiction. reasons could not be supported and his decision should be set aside. However, it was not appro priate for the Court of Appeal to

exercise the discretion its The plaintiffs application was to be ordered to be restored for hearing by the judge. He would have to consider the competing considerations which the parties urged on him, weigh up the consequences of making the orders sought as against the possible equences of refusing them and decide where the greater risk of

Injustice lay, He would have also to consider the extent to which the case could be regarded as exceptional: see the judgment of Mr Justice Hirst in Rome v Punjab National Bank (11989) 2 AU ER 136).

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ward agreed. Solicitors: Denton Hall; Richards Butler: Baker & McKenzie:

Psychiatric injury damages

Young v Charles Church (Southern) Ltd and Another Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice

[Judgment April 24]

An employee who suffered psychiworkmate electrocuted close to him could recover damages for breach of statutory duty under lation 44(2) of the Construction (General Provisions) Regulations (SI 1961 No 1580).

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Ian Young, against the dismissal by Sir Maurice Drake, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on June 13, 1996, of his claim for damages for negligence and breach of: statutory duty for psychiatric inju-ries sustained when working as a labourer for the second defendant, Southern Construction Services, on the land of the first defendant,

Charles Church (Southern) Ltd. Regulation 44 of the 1961 Regulations provides: "(2) Where any electrically charged overhead cable or apparatus is liable to be a source of danger to persons em-ployed during the course of any operations or works to which these regulations apply ... all prac-ticable precautions shall be taken

to prevent such danger. . . "

Mr Martin Porter for the plaintiff; Mr Guy Anthony for the

that the plaintiff claimed damages for a severe psychiatric illness which he had suffered since May 1989 following an accident at his place of work when a workmate alongside him had been elec-

trocuted and killed." His Lordship, having held that the defendants were liable to the plaintiff in damages for negligence at common law, turned to the

statutory duty.

The deiendants admitted that they were in breach of regulation 44(2) of the 1961 Regulations as recarded the deceased but the denied that they were in breach as regarded the plaintiff, because he was not injured or affected by electrocution, meaning the trans-

mission to him of electric current. The defendants submitted that the plaintiff's injury was not of a type or inflicted in a manner which the His Lordship would hold simply that regulation 44(2) was not

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said

occur when the electrical cable or equipment was allowed, in the vords of the regulation, to become a source of danger to them.

That certainly included mental

limited to physical electrocation.

Corrections

Times April 30) Mr Tim Eicke

Scots Law Report May 1 1997

Pension value in joint property

Dible v Dible

Coulsfield and Lond Allanbridge [Judgment April II]

In assessing the value of the combined property of a couple for the purpose of ordering financial provision on divorce, the value of any contingent right of a surviving spouse of the husband's to benefits under his pension should not be taken into account, where that right could not be assigned for

An Extra Division of the Inner use of the Court of Session so held, refusing in part a reclaiming motion by Mrs Frances Oakley or ainst an order for the transfer of property and for pay-ment of a capital sum in an action of divorce against Mr James Kenneth Dible. Section 10 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985 provides:

The proportion of any rights or interests of either party [to nan action of divorce] under a life policy or occupational persion scheme or similar arrangement referable to the period of the marriage shall be taken to form part of the matrimonial property." Mr Colin Sutherland, QC and

Mitchell, QC and Miss Sherrer Smith for the respondent.

delivering the opinion of the court, said that there was a substantial difference between the widow's pension fund and other contingen nterests such as the prospective pensioner's right to a pension. The difference was that the contingency which was the only event upon which a spouse might be said to become entitled to claim

the contingency which rendered

entitled to claim a sum represent-

in a pension scheme was one of a contingent rights. interest, however, remained

Their Lordships would add that if the pension scheme permitted the person entitled or the spouse of that person to assign rights for value, as Sheriff McInnes had envisaged in Gribb v Gribb (1994 SLT (Sh C) 43, there might be an interest which could properly be valued and included in the matri-

The only other way of approachcontinuing asset of the husband libeit dependent on his marrying

There had been, hower attempt to value that "asset" in the present case, and their Lordships had some doubt whether any altempt at valuation could be other than speculative. Law agents: Drummond Miller,

A spouse could only become

ing the current assessed value of the prospective interests if there was a divorce which automatically destroyed the basis of the righ which was purported to be valued. That seemed to their Lordships to infer that the right or interest

represented by the spouse's benefit

Of course a value could he put upon the spouse's interest, as a value could be put on any prospec-tive future stream of income. The nucres. nowever, remained contingent in a way quite different from the way in which other prospective rights might be said to be contingent.

The statute gave protection to employees from the kinds of injury which could be foreseen as likely to

illness caused to the plaintiff by the shock of seeing his workmate electrocated so close to him and in nate, to escape electrocution

Lord Justice Hutchison deliv ered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Hobhouse agreed. Wateriooville: Berrymans.

in Hunter v Canary Wharf Ltd. (The Times April 25) Leigh Day & Co were the solicitors for the plaintiffs and Ashursi Morris Crisp for the defendants. In Sahota v Secretary of State for the Home Department (The

appeared as Mr Duffy's funior.

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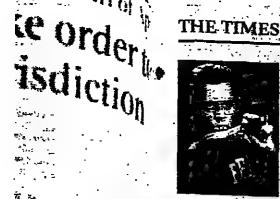
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Depp and Pacino star in Donnie Brasco, a thoughtful Mafia movie by Mike Newell



FILM 2

A lawyer compelled to tell the truth? That's the scenario for Jim Carrey in Liar Liar THE



FILM 3

Scream lives up to its name, but Wes Craven's great horror movie has droll humour too



FILM 4

Tilda Swinton is outstanding in Female Perversions, a feminist essay daringly executed

Pacino makes an offer you can't refuse

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees Johnny Depp get lost in the master's shadow in the arresting Donnie Brasco

winner. When Mike Newell won Weddings and a Funeral he found himself deluged with so many scripts it took him a year to read them. The project that caught his eye Donnie Brasco, was a world removed from broad social comedy and Hugh Grant's floppy hair. Gangsters. New York. The late 1970s. Here we go, you might think: blood and bullets, death and spaghetti, another Scorsese or Coppola rip-off, another British director sucked into the Hollywood

But Donnie Brasco bucks the trend. True, Newell was given Al Pacino to direct, but the luminary of The Godfather is not in a godfather mood. His Lefty Ruggiero is a smalltime hood getting small-er in the Mafia hierarchy. Glasses, nasty coat with a fur collar: nothing glamorous here. He has killed many times, although some days he is reduced to smashing open

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Then Donnie Brasco (Johnny Depp) heaves into view, a young thief on the make, who becomes his protégé. Ruggiero sees his own future in Brasco, for better or worse: "I die with you, Donnie. If anything hap-pens, I'm responsible."

This is a reflective movie. more concerned with trust and friendship than piling up corpses. And it's a movie with rist. For Brasco is an FBi undercover agent who worms his way into Ruggiero's confidence to expose the mob family. As his deception advances, Brasco's dilemma, in theory at least, becomes acute: he feels the lure of the criminal life, and balks at the betrayal

Here the film runs into difficulties, for Depp's character is a void. We must guess at his thoughts and his torment: Paul Attanasio's script, adapted from a true story, gives us few hints, and Depp is not the man to elaborate. Besides Pacino, he appears shallow, although even more experi-enced actors would be in difficulties next to this consummate screen performer.

death and spagnetti. The most strange new ingredient in his chilling moment comes when all join hands chopping up a body with knives. Livelier stenes occur in Florida, dedore the mob - Michael Madsen,

Bruno Kirby and James Russo among them — decamp to do business. But mostly Newell plays it straight, observing the Mafia rituals, watching out for the cruel ironies of trust and betrayal, of friendship found and lost. This is a distinctive and memorable

The last time moviegoers saw Jim Carrey he was a borderline psychotic in The Cable Guy who made life hell for Michael J. Pox and a good percentage of the audience. Luckily, the man shows some improvement in Liar Liar. Carrey still contorts his face, performs cartwheels with his limbs and yells at the world in

> Donnie Brasco Odeon Marble Arch 18, 126 mins Miks Newell mixes with the wiseguys Liar Liar Empire, 12, 86 mins Jim Carrey joins

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the human race

Perversions ABC Piccadilly 18, 102 mins Striking American feminist drama Margaret's

Museum **ABC Shaftesbury Ave** 15, 105 mins Inconsequential gloom from Canada The Boy from Mercury ABC Swiss Centre PG. 87 mins Slight but sweet

Irish film

Newell does not forget the funny voices. But there is a new character: the milk of human kindness.

Fletcher Reede loves his son. He neglects him, too - as a divorced, fast-talking attorney with a roving eye and a gift for lying there are many other demands on his time. So, after he fails to return for his son's fifth birthday party, little Max blows out the candles on his cake and whispers: "I wish, for just one day, Dad couldn't tell

So it transpires, just as it did in past decades for the hero of that comic perennial Nothing but the Truth, originally a novel, then a play, and last filmed with Bob Hope in 1941. Defending an indefensible case in court, Carrey wriggles and writhes trying to lie, but the words will not come. The only sounds emerging from his mouth are hard facts and is in peril; he might also lose is to his son (played by

television tot Justin Cooper). The film pushes its luck by encouraging us to weep small tears at that last prospect. But overall Liar Liar makes a fair success of rounding out Carrey's screen character, and finding some legitimate reason, for his face to go into paroxysms. As he showed in The Nutty Professor, director Tom Shadyac has advanced beyond the juvenile antics of Carrey's first vehicle, Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. He can handle a plot, and feelings. This does not make him Billy Wilder, but we must be grateful for small mercies.

cream is the best horror film in ages, with enough scares, joits and laughs to reduce an audience to jelly. The maestro at the helm is the creator of A Nightmare on Elm Street, Wes Craven, last met playing games with the genre in Wes Craven's New Nightmare. Now he is more playful than ever. The youth of a suburban town is terrorised by a serial killer obsessed with borror movie trivia. Everyone else is obsessed too. The video store is the town's focal point and, while the mayhem



Johnny Depp as the undercover FBI man turned minor mobster and Al Pacino as his unwitting supergrass in Mike Newell's Donnie Brasco

reaches its final stages. Halloween unfolds in counterpoint over the living room TV.

Craven's script does not rest content with in-jokes galore to delight the fans. He also makes hay with society's debate about the effect of horror movies. "Films don't make psychos," the psychos involved tell Neve Campbell's heroine. They just make psychos more creative."

Without genuine shocks of its own, however, Scream would be a shallow lark. Craven delivers these in style, and encourages us to scream alongside his likeable characters at the killer in the halloween mask who taunts down the phone, haunts the patio and penetrates every door and window. Unusually for a horfor film. Scream keeps every part of the body busy: the brain is tickled, the heart warmed, and the stomach turns somersaults.

The brain gets even a bizarre and very striking feminist film carved by American director Susan Streitfeld from a treatise about female behaviour. The eyes work overtime, too, sizing up the parade of costumes, gestures

and props surrounding the central figure: a woman lawyer at the crossroads, cool and successful on the surface, a mass of neuroses underneath. confused by society's gender requirements and her own inner needs.

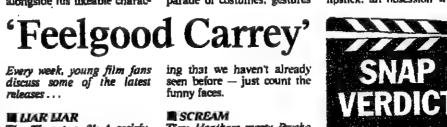
Not every actress could survive the scrutiny of Streitfeld's camera, or be happy with the film's piecemeal structure and academic-cum-feminist tone. Tilda Swinton has no problem. Whatever Streitfeld's demands — a leshian affair, a ruffling encounter with an unstable sister, a ferish for lipstick, an obsession with a

nagging loose thread — Swinton delivers. The performers surrounding Swinton are stimulating too; they include Amy Madigan and Frances

There are awkward scenes with jagged edges, and gobbets of high pretension. But they matter little in a film of such conceptual daring, unpredictable humour and alluring visual texture.

After that challenging feminist critique. Margaret's Museum looks peculiarly irrelevant and dull. This is the tale of one feisty woman coping, then cracking, in a Nova Scotia mining community. Used as she is to high tea with Merchant Ivory, it must have been bracing for Helena Bonham Carter to marry a miner and be called "snotnosed whore. But there is little to enliven Mort Ransen's film beyond the eyebrow-raising finale and the comic gloom of Bonham Carter's mother (Kate Nelligan), who is always attending funerals. "It's cheaper than bingo," she explains.

"and the grub's better." Finally. The Boy from Mer**cur**y, a slight but sweet trist film about an alienated eightyear-old boy who decides that he comes from outer space. Writer-director Martin Duffy skilfully recreates a lonely child's life in the late 1950s: dud recently dead, mum remote, school oppressive. Only Flash Gordon serials provide any joy. Duffy's young star James Hickey brings a grave, wide-eyed charm to the show. eclipsing such seasoned actors as Rita Tushingham and Tom



Tim Thornton, 21: A satisfying jaunt that nevertheless

leaves you wondering when Jim Carrey will appear in a film that deserves him. Lesley Isaiah Thomas, 18: An average movie taken above the average by Jim Carrey.

Dominic Lynch. 18: Carrey gives a predictable but enjoyable performance in this typical American feelgood movie.

Damian Samuels, 19: Noth-

Tim: Heathers meets Psycho meets Scoobie Doo in a clever film that wasn't as good as ! was expecting. Lesley: A surprisingly com-

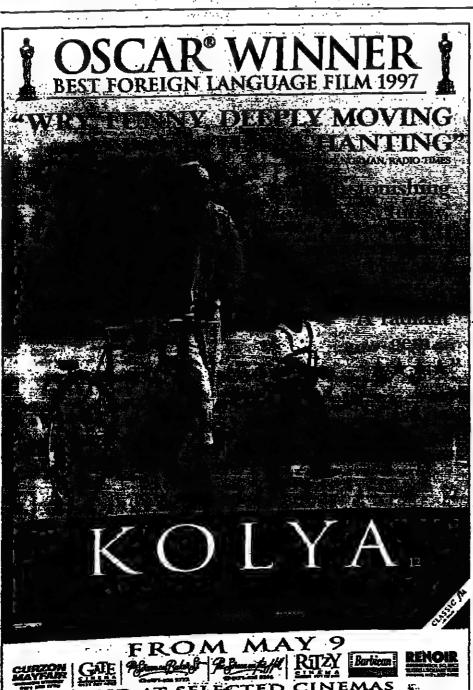
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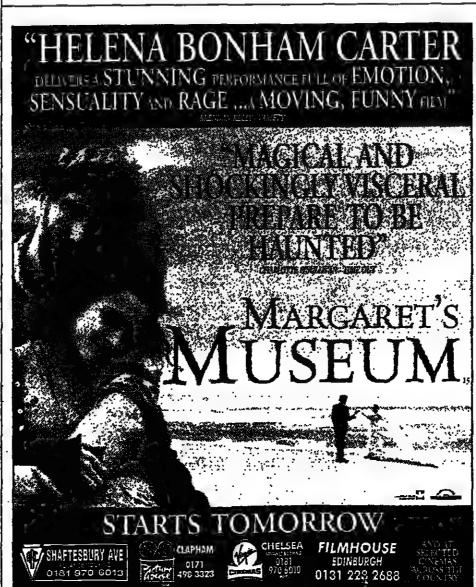
Dominic Moments of humour and suspense, but generally more squeak than scream. Damian: Grow your fingernails - you'll need them to chew while watching this excellent horror flick.

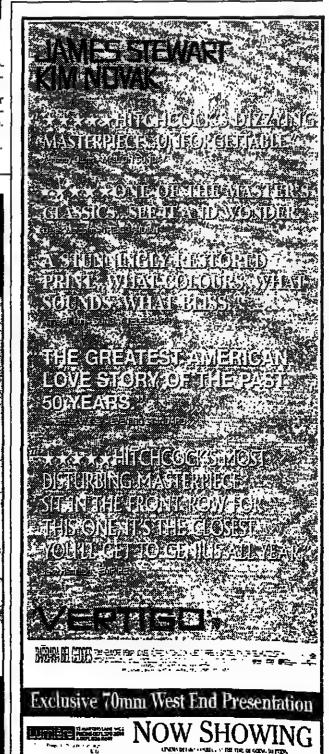


MUSEUM Tim: Pointless little film. Helena Bonham Carter inappro-

priately cast. Lesley: Helena's hennaed hair matched beautifully the colours of a Nova Scotia autumn. The film, however, is naff. Dominic Terrifically tedious. Damian: Dull and dreary.









CHOICE 1

Manchester, tonight

Kent Nagano and the Hallé play music by Tchaikovsky and Vaughan Williams VENUE: Bridgewater Hall,

TODAY'S CHOICE

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CHOICE 2

French film actress Emmanuelle Béart is Playing with Fire in Nottingham

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VENUE: From tonight at the Playhouse Theatre





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DANISH director Lars Von Trier smashes out of his enclave with this extraordinarily involving epic melodrama set in the Outer Hebrides, about a naive Scottish girl who gives her all to a worldly oil-rig worker. The unattractive visuals may cause a joit at first, but Emily Watson's piercing performance soon draws us into the remote community where the powers of belief, love and duty are sorely tested. Available to rent.

■ BREAKING THE WAVES

THE BITTER TEARS OF PETRA VON KANT Connoisseur, 15, 1972

AN IRONIC title for Fassbinder's powerful and elegant melodrama of lesbian longing and power games. Margit Carstensen plays the title character, a fashion designer, twice married, who becomes obsessed with a thrusting young model (Hanna Schygulla), while her general factorum

Stand by to be stunned single parent who becomes a stripper while fighting a legal battle for custody of her daughter. Burt Reynolds causes

Emily Watson's superb performance in Breaking the Waves draws us into a community where the powers of belief, love and duty are tested

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looks on. At first the film seems all surface, but underneath the long takes, the stylised poses and lighting. Fassbinder follows the comical-tragical course of Petra's doomed relationship with sharp understanding.

STRIPTEASE 20:20 Vision, 15, 1996 A CLUMSY mixture of sex, satire and some embarrassment as an over-sexed Republican congressman; Moore displays her body beautiful, carved out of thousand gyms, but gives us no reason to warm to her character. Fuzzily written and directed by Andrew Bergman, and available to rent.

■ INVADERS FROM MARS Blue Dolphin, PG, 1953 melodrama, with Demi Moore as the THE wizard production designer on

many celebrated films, including Gone With the Wind, William Cameron, Menzies had serious problems as a director in handling actors. But the stylised images in this sci-fi classic, originally planned for 3-D release. offset any wooden performances, and there are many haunting moments in this tale of a Martian invasion told from a small boy's point of view.

LONE STAR 20:20 Vision, 15, 1996

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An unofficially English rose

he protagonist is called Rosita. The subtitle is "the language of flowers. When the play waxes poeric, as it often does, the talk tends to be of gardenias and dahlias, jasmine and hyacinths. Much of the action is set in a greenhouse that, as Anthony Ward designs it, teems with pots and colourful plant life. You will not be surprised to hear that Lorca wrote Rosita the Spinster after reading about the rosa mutabile, which opens red, gradually pales, and is dead white when it finally wilts away.

Nor will you be exactly astonished to discover that the rosa mutabile is also Rosita herself When the play begins, she is a fresh-faced 18-year-old, determined to keep faith while the fiance she adores is forced to live overseas. When it ends, she is 38 or thereabouts, and unlikely to get over the discovery that - well, in case you don't know the story, let me just say that a man can write endless loveletters with his right hand and do something quite different with the hand on which signet rings are

conventionally placed. Lorca wrote Doña Rosira in 1935, after Blood Wedding and Yerma but before The House of Bernarda Doña Rosita, the Spinster-Almeida

present director, had experimentally transported the play from Gra-nada circa 1900 to Lapland 2000, it would be difficult to misidentify the author. There are the trademark bursts of verse, in Peter Oswald's translation simultaneously clean, clear yet lush. Above all, there is Lorca's dismay at the frustration and destruction caused women by the repression of yearnings and passions which, because they embrace both the maternal and the eroric, seem more powerful than those felt by men;

It is not wholly Lloyd's fault if she fails to make us sense the full force either of passion or of repression. The plot is a bit thinner than in Lorca's more famous plays. She does also introduce some bold effects. She asks Phoebe Nicholls's Rosita to dance sinuously and sensuously with her manolas, the exotic, mysterious women who undulate onstage and around her imagination. She gets Kathryn Hunter and her spinster daughters

they chant of "cut flowers crying in the rivers of their hair".

But it isn't enough. Though Lorca also introduces a half-barmy materialist philosopher and schoolmaster in despair at the ungovernable children of the rich, we are left with no strong impression of the cruel world outside Rosita's hideaway. More importantly, it is hard to know what Phoebe Nicholls means when she admits, in a key phrase, that she has lost hope of marrying "the one I loved and still love with all my blood".

Blood? Nicholls is a fine actress. who combines vitality and vulnerability, and progresses credibly from trust to desolation; but when she screeches and bangs the wall you do not feel, as you should with Lorca, that real red stuff is bursting from her veins and spattering the room. It is the same when Eleanor Bron, Rosita's warm aunt, and Celia Inarie, her splendidly feisty housekeeper, talk of making the treacherous lover "pay with blood for what has cost blood". Blood? The final impression is of an honourable English stab at a tricky play; but maybe too honourable.

BENEDICT



Pride without enough passion: Phoebe Nicholls as the poor, lovelorn spinster Rosita, with Celia Imrie as her feisty housekeeper

Wishful non-political thinking iects to appear on the revolve

among the grey eminences of international theatre. His latest offering, The Village, starts a British tour on Tuesday at the Brighton Festival. The prospect has added interest because the play is presented by Gesher Theatre, one of the more remarkable companies in world drama.

'Gesher" means "bridge", which is appropriate. The company is Russian-Israeli, and was established in 1991 by the director Yevgeny Arye, one of a number of Russian artists who came to Israel in a postperestroika wave of emigration. Initially the company performed only in their mother tongue, but now they present each production in Hebrew as well. English audi-ences can follow The Village by means of beadphones carrying simultaneous transla-

Gesher is already talked of as one of the world's leading companies. The churn of activity at its base in a warehouse in Jaffa, a short drive along the coast from Tel Aviv, evokes the halcyon spirit of the Moscow Arts Theatre, the Berliner Ensemble or the Theatre du Soleil, where a committed group of practitioners worked together for years to develop an uncommon depth of performance. The result is a special kind of theatre regrettably foreign to the British. -

Sobol himself is in no doubt, as to the company's significance. Yevgeny came at the right time for us, when we needed an important theatre."

Andy Lavender on Joshua Sobol's new play, which

Israel's Gesher Theatre is bringing to Britain

he says. "Everything he does is about dealing with your exis-Israel you are in constant contact with your deepest despair. That is why this contact with the Russians is good for become as important as it was in Shakespeare's time."

Gesher looked to Sobol for their first commission from an Israeli playwright, and The Village is the result. It is a tender, luminous play, almost magic realist in its effect: It is set in the village of Sobol's childhood — Tel Mond in Palestine - in the years from 1942 (the German defeat at El Alamein) to 1947 (the conception of modern Israel). Its central character, Yossi, is an ageless boy whom Sobol describes as a Candide figure, a naif in a world of change. Sobol deliberately evokes a lost Palestine. "I tried as much

as possible to create a moment us; and why theatre can of innocence in my own biography and in the history of the country," he says, "It wasn't coincidental that I wrote it in 1995, at the beginning of the peace process with the Palestinians. It was a moment of wishful thinking. I feel that our existence here is poisoned with too much history, too much politics, too much drama in the bad sense of the word. For me, it was a need to go back to a time when there was more air to breathe."

scenes - "memory explosions". Sobol calls them -presented mostly from Yossi's point of view. Yossi's father barters with his Arab friend Sayld over the price of manure. The community includes a bicycling rabbi, a cheery British Army captain, a young woman who escapes the Holocaust, and a splendid bohemi-

an opera singer. large revolving ring, made of wooden boards. Bulrushes grow in the middle and around the edges. A faded theatre curtain descends to-

wards the back of the ring, allowing characters and ob-

magedy," says Sobol. "But one which has nothing to do with character or vice, but with history. It invites people to go back to a pre-political moment in their own life, where human

The production centres on a

relations counted for more than political positions. I knew I was writing a Utopian play." Some may find it too sweet. Certainly Israel Demidov plays Yossi not only as young but as endlessly naive. But this is appropriate if The Village is to mark its difference from the distressing stridencies of Israel's current home policy. As the play moves to its

conclusion there is a wireless transmission of the United Nations count of votes, determining the creation of an independent Jewish state. The revolve turns, carrying Sayid, who has come to say goodbye after receiving orders from the Supreme Arab Committee to pack his bags. Jew and Arab are enemies. Yossi begins and ends the play as a gravedigger. A manservant of death, a Shakespearean fool, a contemporary Israeli. "What is easier to reach?" he asks. "Tomorrow? Or yesterday?" Sobol leaves his play on this

and disappear again.

"The Village starts as an idyllic play but becomes a

simple, difficult question. • The Village plays at the Brighton Festival: Gardner Centre (01:73 70979). May 6-10; Newcastle Playhouse (0191-230 5151), May 13-17; Cambridge Arts Theatre (01223 503333), May 31-24: Manchester Dancehouse Theatre (0161-237 9753), May 27-31; and LIFT 97: Lyric Theatre Hammersmith (0181-741 2311), June 3-7

ast year Alan Ayckbourn took a couple of done poorly first time around and jigged them into good shape for revival. This comedy (at the Stephen Joseph Theatre) is therefore his first truly new adult play for some while, and it differs from his recent work in several respects. There are no leaps across ordinary continuity or supernatural agencies, and although he pulls a good trick

with dimensions, this is to do

with space not time. A man and a woman meet one evening in October, detest each other on sight, and accordingly fall in love. Painful crisis follows ludicrous crisis, and so on for a fortnight, the days succeeding one another in the way we expect from normal life, but do not always find in Ayckbourn.

The dimensional trick requires a proscenium arch staging, and thus breaks a tradition of 30-something years: hitherto, all Scarborough premieres of his plays have been in the round and redirected on transfer. The reason for the change is that Ayckbourn wants to show us a vertical cut through a building. Most of the action takes place in the flat Barbara has created in the main body of

her former house. Gilbert lodges downstairs and she offers the top flat to Nikki and Hamish, an old schoolfriend and her fiance. All we see of their flat is the bottom vard of it, revealing no more than their legs as they walk, or their feet when they lie on the bed, and all we see of the basement is the top yard of it, the ceiling where Gilbert, like Michelangelo lying on his back, is painting a vast naked portrait of Barbara. "There's

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acres of the woman!" Hamish exclaims after lugging the drunken Gilbert back to the place. Some communal stairways are included in Roger Glossop's set, but the three flats occupy the greater part of the stage, looking something like a section of film where the frames have slipped.

As you would expect. Ayckbourn ingeniously uses the two finier strips of the setting. Barry McCarthy's Gilbert is crouched down beside the top flat's radiator at the

start of the play, and the frenzied love-making that brings the first half to a multiple climax is teasingly not quite visible. I couldn't honestly believe

that Cameron Stewart's otherwise sensible Hamish would have saddled himself with such a dippy English rose as Nikki, a girl who cannot just sit on a chair, but must tuck her feet up on the cushion and pull her skirt round them. Sally Giles gives her that weird characteristic that some gushy women have of speaking without parting their teeth.

Joanna Van Gyseghem's spinster Barbara memorably starts sniffling when describing her boss's country home, and at the "w" of swimming Ayekbourn turns her into a rather too ready victim of Eros, but he also writes tenderly of love and most touchingly provides a compassionate scene herween the two men. This is Ayckbourn in clever yet kindly mood.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Vladimir Halemsky (Sayid), Israel Demidov (Yossi), Leonid Kanevsky (Chaim)

CONCERT: Poor sound and lighting mar some fine playing; plus conductor and soloist in perfect harmony Art and craft movements Messiaen lost in space

OLIVIER Messiaen would surely have been delighted by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's account of his Des Canyons aux étoiles. Apart from the statistics — a full house for the first Scottish performance of a score so demanding that it is rarely heard anywhere - there was the sheer quality of the playing, not least from the inspired piano soloist, Rolf Hind.



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The composer might not, on the other hand, have been very happy about some aspects of the presentation of the work in the Tramway in Glasgow. A place with its own cheerlessly alternative atmosphere (and a faintly perceptible sound of running water somewhere in the background), it is actually less reverberant than the average concert hall. And, like Messiaen's other large-scale acoustic visions. Des Canyons needs a cathedral aura. Without such help, a wind-machine, a sand-machine or a trumpeter blowing into a detached mouthpiece sounds frankly no more than just that. with no added value in scenic

or poetic significance. Attempts to compensate by means of lighting effects above and behind the orchestra were singularly misguided: Messiaen's sounds are linked to their own very particular colours and should not have alien

ideas imposed on them. In the darkened auditorium, moreover; those who had been lucky enough to acquire a programme were quite unable to read the descriptive headings applied to the 12 movements of the piece. They might not mean very much in the strictly literal sense but it is important to know that you are listening to The Resurrected and the Song of the Star of Aldebaran rather than, say. Interstellar Call.

As it happens, those two movements were among the most successful in Martyn Brabbins's interpretation of the composer's celestial reactions to the wonders of Utah. David Flack played the ex-tended interstellar horn solo as evocatively as possible in the circumstances, with some weirdly half-voiced echoes. and the orchestra in general created an atmosphere for the Resurrected as serene as that enjoyed by the sleeping lovers in a very similar movement in

the Turangalila Symphony. GERALD LARNER

WITH Klaus Tennstedt no longer before the public, and Gunter Wand making rare appearances, the mantle of elder statesman in German and Russian repertoire has fallen on Kurt Sanderling. His performances with the Philharmonia are becoming collectors' items and an appreciative, near-capacity audience on Sunday night heard him deliver superb accounts of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto, with Mitsuko Uchida, and Bruckner's Symphony No 3.

The Uchida/Sanderling partnership has on occasions seemed problematic (notably in Brahms), so contrasted are their musical personalities. But from the opening bars of the Beethoven it was clear that this time it was going to be a dream ticket. Sanderling led the way with a tutti of the utmost delicacy and grace; Uchida more than matched it with phrasing and nuances of tone that must have been divinely inspired ~ certainly they were out of this world. To witness music-making of this er than - as one too often

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calibre was a joy and If Sanderling is impressive

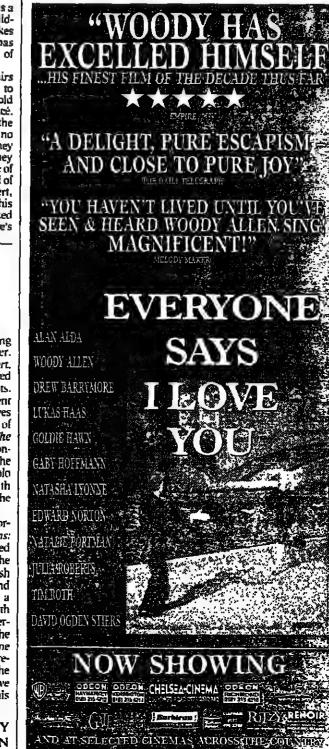
in Beethoven, he might have been born to conduct Bruckner, so perfectly does his craggy style suit the granite rock-faces of the latter's symphonies. He follows the 1889 version of the Third - the shortest, shorn as it is of vast swathes of music, including explicit quotations from Wagner deleted at the latter's request. With the possible exception of the disguised polka in the finale. Sanderling's tempi did not seem ponderous. Yet there was a rugged strength here - even. at the first movement's close, a

palpable ferocity. Sanderling knows too, however, just how to light up the score when required: under his direction, the Philharmonia's brass section suffuses or spotlights the texture, rath-

hears elsewhere - blasting the opposition out of the water. In the early evening concert, James MacMillan introduced two works by fellow Scots. James Clapperton, a student of Michael Finnissy, owes something to the school of New Complexity, but The Preiching of the Swallow contrasts hyperactivity in the birdlike twittering of the solo violin (Maya Iwabuchi) with minimal movement in the

orchestral accompaniment. Two movements from Gordon McPherson's Handguns: A Suite were also conducted ably by Nicholas Kok. The sound-worlds of Scottish folksong and James Bond films come together here in a work that deals seriously with firearms as objects of reverence as well as terror. In the aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy, McPherson was recently obliged to change the title of his work and remove all references to guns from his programme notes.

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Her paper his downfall: Katharine Graham with Richard Nixon

Andrew Knight admires the unsparing honesty of 'America's most powerful woman'

born 80 years ago, the fourth of five children. Her life from privileged if chilly child-hood to warm and undimmed old age has been about the creation of one of America's great hometown

newspaper monopolies.

The Washington Post, however, is a monopoly with a difference: the hometown in question happens to be the political capital of the Western world. Mrs Graham's father, Eugene Meyer, was a money-maker and national servant of the old school, whose purchase of the Post became, among many achievements, his true passion. But his paper was nowhere in Washington until he, followed by his son-in-law Phil Graham (Kay's husband), then by Kay herself, and finally by her son Donald, obliterated the opposition. in the process, The Washington

Don't stop the presses

which its hometown could stir up

— Hitler's and Tojo's war; the
Roosevelt and Eisenhower presidencies; JFK; Cuba: the assassinations; Vietnam; the nemesis of LBJ: the Pentagon papers, And of course Watergate, the disgrace of a President. The Post had to fight its Watergate battles while also waging — and winning — a war against its print unions: that is to say, with its hands tied. Along the way, ir acquired Newsweek and television interests. Yet for all the drama of these

huge events, vividly and clearly as it is told. Mrs Graham's Personal History is remarkable for quite

Mrs Graham may be, in tabloid

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woman". But in this history she does not spare herself. She had a father who talked newspapers with his favourite girl, a top education and a cub-reporter training on the trade-union waterfront in San Francisco, Yet Kay Graham was little equipped to carry the burden she ended up with. Crushed by an overwhelming mother, vaguely isolated by anti-Semitic slights, a little gawky, materially pampered (to this day.

ly go to Siberia" in any restaurant whose headwaiter sends her there.

Dogged by her American generation's feminist complex, by its media pieties (which her husband refreshingly did not share), by bad advice from worthies like Robert McNamara, beset by hesitancy and nerves at critical moments. Kay Graham is never her own best friend. Except in one all-important respect: her character. Mrs Graham is straight, honest, loyal in friendship, quick with intuition; and she loves to laugh at absurdi-ty, particularly if she has had a hand in creating it. These qualities saw her through her life, through terrible domestic suffering. They

Suffering came to Mrs Graham from her husband. Phil Graham was clearly brilliant. a joyous husband and father, an artful and compulsive deal maker, admired, loved, influential with successive White Houses. But in an era when neither Kay Jamison's work nor lithium treatment had been heard of, Phil Graham was also a manic depressive in mounting crisis. He put his own creation at The Washington Post in peril, attempted to confiscate its control from his wife's family, which he quit. The appalling end of his story, and how Mrs Graham met over 30 years the challenge he left, make a tale you would hardly believe were it not so scrupulously, readably and bravely told.

Andrew Knight served (n Washington for The Economist in

What others dreamed of seeing

A daring poet's most daring act was to

abandon poetry for Africa, says **Derwent May**

SOMEBODY ELSE

Arthur Rimbaud in

Africa, 1880-91

By Charles Nicholi

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y the year 1873, the French poet Arthur Rimbaud, still only 19. had written all the poems that were to make him famous. Then this son of a soldier and a peasant gave up poetry, wandered about the world, and from the age of 25 lived in Aden and East Africa as a trader in coffee, ivory and old Remington rifles. He came back to France If years later with a tumour on his knee, and died of it in his sister's care.

The poems went on with a life of their own. The descent they recorded into a phantasmagoric world of disordered senses - a world of illuminations and hellfire - made him a mythical hero for the next few generations of French poets, He was the first of the Decadents, the

guiding star of the Surrealists. But when, long after his death, his letters from Africa started appearing, a deep disappoinment ran through French literary

What did they show? Albert Camus put it most poignantly in The Rebel

(L'homme revolte). The one who sang under torture, who had cursed God and beauty, who had armed himself against justice and hope, now just wants to marry someone with a future'. The man-king in a universe without gods now carries around with him eight kilos of gold in a money-belt that cramps his stomach and which, he grumbles, is giving him dysentery." The myth can only be sustained." Camus declares, "by ignoring these conclusive letters".

Now, in Somebody Else, Charles Nicholl looks into the matter again. He has been through all the surviving papers. he has been to Aden and to those remote parts of Ethiopia that Rimbaud came to know so well, and he has produced as complete a picture of Rimbaud's "second

life" as we are likely to get.

Rimbaud certainly gave up poetry. never mentioning it again. He became a very business-like trader, working first for a firm in Aden and making trips for them across the Gulf into Africa, then living in the tiny town of Harar in the Abyssinian highlands trading for himself.

Mr Nicholl fills in the background with wonderfully vivid word-pictures: the warehouse in Aden (still standing today) where Rimbaud watched over a harem of Indian soldiers' wives cleaning the coffee

beans while the sunlight broke through the shutters: Rimbaud's great camelcaravans making their way through the Danakil desert into the hills, with Abyssinian bodyguards protecting the party against the testicle-hunting local tribes; the square in Harar where an ostrich might walk by and where Rimbaud poisoned the dogs who urinated on

As for Rimbaud himself, a surprisingly attractive picture of him slowly emerges, mostly from the memories of fellowtraders and passing explorers. He had become a tacitum man, severe with his employees, and rarely smiling. Yet he was a popular man, who made the company taugh with his sardonic humour, and a

generous one, who often helped Arabs and African's in need. He lived very simply, learnt Arabic, and followed Islamic ways when he was with Muslims. He lived sometimes with Abyssinian women. The French priests in Harar thought him a respectable unbe-

liever. He was not, in spite of rumours, a slave-trader.

Mr Nicholl ingeniously finds lines from his teenage masterpiece The Drunken Boat (Le baseau (vre) that seem to prefigure these scenes. But the breach with his former poetic personality seems complete. He had turned away from fantasies to the hard world of facts, and where there had been an extravagant impulsiveness there remained only resolute willpower.

Why did he change? Perhaps his two years of squalid living with the poet Verlaine when he first arrived in Paris had really repelled him deeply, in spite of all his wild writings. The sordid adverture had ended up with Verlaine shooting Rimbaud and going to jail. It is easy to forget that the schoolboy Rimbaud had written some poems very different from Le bateau ivre — touching, humorous poems, such as his picture of the five little boys sitting in the snow at a baker's cellarwindow, transfixed by the sight and smell

Mr Nicholl's last pages are painful. After his knee began to swell, Rimbaud had a nightmarish journey back to the coast, lying on a litter, and when he got to Marseilles his leg was amputated. His outbursts of rage and pain were so



After Le bateau ivre, a "second life" revealed: Harar trader, photographed by Rimbaud in 1883

powerful that Camus wrote that "it is only here that the bourgeois trader rejoins the tortured adolescent we loved so much."
One cannot help feeling, unromantically, that the "bourgeois trader" might have

preferred not to. At the time of his death, as it happened, Verlaine was working on a new edition of some of Rimbaud's poems - but when he heard the news, he did no more than mention it in a parenthesis in a letter he was writing. The man was dead - the myth could now take wing. Mr Nicholls does not destroy the myth, which has its own legitimate history. But through the haze of time he brings us back a potent

Philosophers of a cottage industry **Norman Thomas**

MULTUM in parvo. In style, Warwick Collins's sixth novel follows the track laid down in his highly successful last book, The Rationalist: a lean, precise, lucid prose that grips the reader in the delight of word music. But the tale this time could not be more different. A brief, mischievous story, it concerns three West Indians Ez, Jason, and Reynolds, all immigrants from Jamaica who run a London men's public toiler notorious for the casual sex that takes place there. When asked by the local council to "clean out the swamp", the three are so successful that the establishment's takings fall by 40 per cent, and their very livelihood comes under threat of the axe. It is deceptively simple, but

at the same time the novel is lighthearted and profound, funny and tender, with a sure touch that eschews the slightest hint of voyeurism or political correctness. The obliqueness of the prose, with its colour and lilt, its laconic silences, is haunting. In the way he contrives to say little and tell all, the author be-witches us with his artistry. Here's a sample, when Reynolds introduces newcomer Ez on his first day of work to another cleaner, Jason, a serious young Raster

Jason formally. 'Look after and personal discipline." him. He join us now." With a brief nod to Reynolds, Jason asked: You from Kingston?

'Greenwich.' Jason nodded. "Loud place." Reynolds translated. Loud means good."

Ez nodded. 'Fat Lion Stevens?' Jason asked. 'He sober.

Jason smiled. Too bad. Better show him the rooes. Jason, man, Reynolds said.

way hot." Mansfield's story is

a wonderfully fluid evocation

of London in the Twenties, of a

young woman's dreamy-eyed

illusions about marriage and class, "because her heritage

was that tragic optimism,

which is all too often only the

There are lots of famous writers here J.G. Ballard,

V.S. and Shiva Naipaul (the

latter's description of search-

ing for a bedsit and trawling

through a seedy pub in Earl's

Court is one of the best pieces

inheritance of youth."

di Giovanni

By Warwick Collins Marion Bovars, £11.95 ISBN 07145-3028

"Can't talk all day." One of the novel's subtleties and one of Collins's subversive hallmarks is the quiet power with which he invests his women characters. Martha. Ez's wife, keeps reappearing in what at first appear to be marginal scenes. But it is she, with patient strength and natural wisdom, who guides her husband into ultimate tolerance. Martha's unspoken aim is to get the best out of everyone, and in the book's poignant sub-plot she guides acceptance of their son Stevie's ambiguous choice of career as

ANOTHER mark of the book's subversion is Collins's portrayal of Jason, the Rasta with two wives, as something of an old prophet who wanders the desert. "Jason was an evocation of the African soul. His philosophy counselled constant good works towards his fellow man. It forbade "Reynolds turned to address .. drink. It advocated ascetism

it is significant that this novel, like The Rationalist, began life as a screenplay. It has made for an astonishing directness and economy and for visual immediacy, with nothing spelled out and nothing left out. Is this moral tale a parable for secular liberalism. for tolerance, for true — that is, unrigged — market values? Quite possibly. What is certain is that in its perfect wedding of character and plot, content and style, Gents stands as a genuine work of literature.

Going home from home

ometimes people can be unimpressed by the bitty nature of anthologies. An anthology should make you want to go out and read the authors whose work it advertises. Of course, a collection of excerpts can never be as

satisfying as being swallowed up by a novel, but if ever there was a more delectable collection of writers under one roof, so slim and so seductively wrapped in Mediterranean blue, I haven't come across it. Subtitled A Literature of

Belonging, this collection by British writers born beyond Britain's shores starts with three black writers from the iSth century. These extracts are historically and sociologically fascinating, although the writing is a bit dry. They serve as a reminder of the brutal and de-humanising manacles of slavery, the "iron muzzle" described by Olaudah Equiano, which locks the slave's mouth so fast "that she could scarcely speak; and could not eat or drink". They are also proof of the pluck, persever-ance and luck that enabled these men to buy their freedom and tell their stories. "In the place I was called Jacob: but on board the African ship I was called Michael," says Equiano, illustrating an enduring habit some Americans and Europeans have of simplifying foreign names into easily accessible Western equivalents. I am reminded of an encounter I had 15 years ago, some months after first arriv-

ing in Britain. My girlfriend's

detailed biography of the au-

thor. We learn, for instance,

father met us off the ferry on the Isle of Wight. He asked me what my name was. Ardu, I and a harmony".

This book and the other said After a few seconds of silence, he responded: "I'll call you Arthur." One of the pleasing features of this collection is that each of the 39 poems, letters, stories and extracts is preceded by a

Ardashir Vakil

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that The interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano was a bestseller all over Europe and America in the early 1790s, that Doris Lessing was born in Kerman-



shah. Persia, and that V.S. Naipaul, beset by illness, and devastated by the deaths of his younger brother and sister. withdrew from writing fiction intelligent and entertaining

for six or seven years. This collection gets better the further you read, starting with the cantankerous letters of Wyndham Lewis: "Mr Orwell (as they call him here bore-well) is an excitable idior and T.S. Eliot's stuffy accounts of wartime Bedford Square. Soon after, one is charmed by the Tiredness of Rosabel by Katherine Mans-field, and delighted by C. L. R. James's Encounter with Edith Sitwell: "Miss Sitwell replied that she called Mr Lawrence the head of the Jaeger school because his poetry was like Jaeger underwear, hot, soft and woolly: whereupon the Jaeger company replied that while their products were soft

Something in common: Mansfield, Kipling, Naipaul in the book), Kipling, Orwell, Penelope Lively. Ben Okri and Salman Rushdie, whose article on the 1983 general election is a reminder of what a strong,

polemical essavist he can be. More revelatory and exhilarating are the works of the slightly less well-known au-thors. Take for instance the excerpt from Sam Selvon's Lonely Londoners, a funny and tender novel about newly arrived immigrants from the Caribbean, so little read today except in school anthologies. Written in Trinidadian/ London patios, the passage of writing is rhythmic, sexy, bold and innovative. The best way to read him is aloud, in your best West Indian accent: "Oh what a time it is when summer come to the city and all them girls throw away heavy winter coat and wearing light sumand woolly, they begged to mer frocks so you can see the deny that they were in any legs and shapes that was

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hiding away from the cold blasts ...

There is no turning away, in an amthology of this kind, from the ugly brutality and ignorance of racism. E. R. Braithwaite chooses to write from the point of view of two white youths out for a jaunt to taunt and kick any vulnerable "spade" unfortunate enough to he walking a lonely street, in the environs of Brick Lane. Their plan misfires. They fall to the ground under the reeking breath of a man. larger, blacker and stronger than they had expected. The result is both predictable and harrowing.

The narrator of Abdulrazak Gurnah's story tries to come to terms with a more familiar immigrant-story of inadequacy and alienation. He lives in a town of cathedral bells and spires local pubs and parks, all places where he feels unwelcome. At the end of the extract. the protagonist, uprooted from his home in East Africa, is left pondering the "grin of empire that had filled his generation with the despising anxiety of

frightened men." Caryl Phillips has assemb led a glistening array of "diasporic droplets", a celebra-tion of the cosmopolitan strengths of British writing. As the protagonist of Reef, Romesh Gunesekera's fecund and poetic novel says. "I was learning that human history is always a story of somebody's diaspora."

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Island records

HE never married, never had a job, never travelled, never owned a car. He was his art. For almost 50 years, when not recovering from bouts of drinking, TB or depression. George Mackay Brown sat each day at the kitchen table in his council house on his native Orkney and wrote poems, short stories, novels, plays. When he died last year he left a monumental memorial. This book, his 39th, he wrote

in 1985. But in keeping with his father's advice - "whatev-er happens, keep humble", he did not want it published until after his death. He added an appendix in 1993, and there one feels his leaving, "just as in November the light less-ens". Still, though, he reaches out: "Everything we do sets the whole web of creation trembling ... He died as he had lived, a virgin, mystic.

With the exception of some years as a student in Edinburgh and rare forays back, Mackay Brown never left the Orkney that informed him. As he says, "some kind of ancient wisdom whispers always, 'Stay where you are'.' For that reason alone, this autobiography is entirely sui generis. It is a story of a mind and of a

So there are few revelations here about other people's lives. and only two about his own.

Ross Leckie

FOR THE ISLANDS I SING An Autobiography George Mackay Brown John Murray, £16 ISBN 07195 5628 7

The Scottish press have al-ready seized with the prurience that sells papers on what he says about his Edinburgh muse, Stella Cartwright. But the relationship was purely Platonic. The extent of his drinking is now public infor-mation, though he explains how it gave him an "insight into the workings of the mind".

It is the genesis of that mind which makes this book compelling. We see how, from the ancient guilts, rebukes in the silence of thought" of the Calvinism to which he was born he came to convert to Catholicism. We see how the "rhythms of the land and sea" that were his subject grew in his mind to "beget a pattern

work of the man who wrote it prove Kant's dictum that the greatest journey a man can make is the journey inside his own head. Few have gone further than George Mackay

the inspiration of the new. Consequently, the worlds of the auctioneer and the scholar overlap in unexpected ways. Consider the sale of a late-18th-century manuscript anthalogy of 90 or so songs and arias by Haydn, J.C. Bach and others. It was bought by Richard Luckett of Magdalene College, Cambridge, who recognised the importance of one of the less obvious pieces: a copy of the pioneering 1775 melo drama Ariadne auf Naxos by Georg Benda (1722-95), in a hitherto unknown English translation. Of this declaimed opera" and its companion piece Medea, Mozart wrote to his father, "Both are really excellent ... and I like these works of his so much that I carry them around with me." In writing the melodramas, Benda was adapting an idea of Rousseau's, and anticiparing Wagner by introducing recurrent motifs.

Dr Luckett also recognised the initials of the original owner of the miscellany, the singer Mary Anne Barthele-mon, whose husband was a composer, a violinist and a close friend of Haydn. But this was more than a dealer's "interesting provenance" or "fine association". The great significance of the Ariadne translation for Dr Luckett was that some ten years before he had heen asked by Christopher

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Hogwood to translate the Medea text into English for a series of performances by the Academy of Ancient Music. He knew that 20th-century ianguage would not mesh with the 18th-century music. and devised an idiom that while being neither 'modern' nor 'period' endeavoured above all the preserve the

rhythm and the sense". So how did his work stand up beside that of a contemporary translator? Modestly he says that he would have kept the purchase secret if he had found that he had struck a wrong note: but as anyone who knows him will testify, no period instrument could be more authentic than Richard's sensibility. His work matched the register of the Ariadne most fitly.

And there was another col-

lector's pleasure to come. Only when he began wondering whether the Academy of Ancient Music might like to record and publish the two works together did he discover who had been the underbidder at the auction: Christopher Hogwood.

SOTHEBY'S also makes remarkable scholarly discoveries of its own. Recently, a book known to have existed but never previously found walked in off the street. The Art of Singing by Pietro Reggio, printed in Oxford in 1677, is the earliest book in English wholly about vocal technique. It deals with the baroque style later known as the Italian bel canto. Reggio's own Songs (1080) contains settings of poems by one of the century's favourite poets.

Abraham Cowley.

The Art of Singing has had a spectral life because it was advertised in London in 1678 and soon afterwards (al-though Sotheby's do not say so) was listed in the catalogue of Archbishop Narcissus Marsh's library in Dublin. No copy, however, was thought to survive. Assessing its monetary value is very difficult, but Sorheby's estimates £6,000-ES,000 at its sale on May 16. Now for Love's Labour's

JIM McCue

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Voyages toward Antarctica 1699-1839 By Alan Gurney Norton, £18,95 ISBN 0 393 03949 8

ntil the late 18th century, Antarctica was a mythical land crouching on the far horizons of the human imagination. The Ancient Greeks sensed that it was there, and the idea evolved of a continent at the bottom of the world that was both fertile and populated. The myth flourished until James Cook sailed across the Antarctic Circle in 1773. "Nothing down here worth baving," the great man declared. "Too cold."

Alan Gurney's aim "is to sketch some of the voyages by explorers, sealers, and whalers which, over a span of a hundred years, eliminated Terra australis incognita from the world's maps and whittled it down to a much smaller continent — Antarctica. The maritime frontier he chooses, the Convergence of the book's title, is the meeting of two bodies of water of different temperatures and salinity. At the Convergence the freezing seas around Antarctica meet the warmer waters of the sub-Antarctic, forming a band that snakes between 50°S and 60°S latitude. It is a definite

biogeographical frontier. The search for the great southern land was one that inflamed public interest. Theories about Antarctica proliferated like frogspawn, and nobody wanted to be left out of the pond. Swift predictably put the boot in, announcing his intention to publish an exact description of Antarctica "collected with great care and pain from 999 learned and pious authors of undoubted veracity ... the work will contain exact accounts of all the provinces, colonies and mansions of that spacious country". He goes on to suggest that Antarctica be deployed as a penal colony.

The years unravelled, and islands were pencilled on to the map as the Southern Ocean was brutally ransacked: a quarter of a century of sealing saw 20 tons of elephant seal oil sold on the London market and at least 1.2 million fur seal skins taken by American and British sealers. Below the Convergence is peppered-with thrilling Boy's Own tales of tail-masted. ships nudging through the pack ice. James Weddell and James Cook each score two out of the book's 12 chapters: the latter bestrides the: period like a colossus.

Much of the text consists of discursive and entertaining episodes from maritime history. Besides material on the development of navigational equipment there is a whole chapter on scurvy and the hapless seaman's diet, riveting above all due to the fantastic stupidity of the Admiralty who persisted in dishing out marmalade of carrots long after the antiscorbutic properties of lemons had been discovered. (Gurney suggests that if lemon juice had been issued in 1753, as had been advised, the war in America might have had a different result.) The text leaps to life when Gurney boards the ships and quotes from lournals; boiled duff pudding made from penguin eggs, for example, was enormously popular with the ratings.

He is a competent stylist with a forgivable weakness for sentiment and cliche (Fortune smiled on Weddell that summer"). The use of the dramatic present grates at times, but on the whole this is an eminently readable book. Antarctica comes into focus as the pages

turn, and by the end of Gurney's narrative it lies, still pristine, waiting for the men who would give it a history. Gurney's subjects were travelling towards the frontiers of knowledge, and this entertaining book offers a window on to the most important journey of all — the unending voyage of the human spirit. Marianne Wiggins surveys Pynchon's 18th-century landscape and finds the going hard

Penguin Marianne Wiggins surveys 1 yannan pudding Trouble in toeing the line

can think of only three contemporary novelists writing in the English language whose impending or most current work can or will or did generate a public following of such magnitude as to create a genuine, spontaneous publishing Event — Thomas Pynchon, J. D. Salinger and Salman Rushdie. All three have private lives which provoke vicarious, often voyeuristic, responses from both their

readers and non-readers. But what distinguishes them is not so much the details of their singular domestic circumstances, but the fact that all three have written modern masterpieces. Before they went into hiding.

Writers disappear from public view all the time, in fact, to go and write, and no one seems to notice. And not a few writers sit pat and flatly refuse to come out and tell the world at publication what they ve eaten for breakfast or how many skeletons they've got in their closets. It takes a writer of extraordinary literary power to hold the sort of attention Pynchon, Salinger and Rushdie command

- I doubt Jeffrey Archer, as popular as he is, could increase his celebrity by disappearing, although his in-tray might collapse under a previously unex-pressed influx of grateful letters. Byatt, Kelman, Carey, Gordimer what would happen if any of

> MASON & DIXON By Thomas Pynchon Cape, 116.99 ISBN 0 224 05001 X

these former Booker Prize winners suddenly went AWOL? And where was Michael Ondaatje at this year's Academy Awards? Did anybody even notice he was missing?

Rushdie's isolation is unique and cannot be compared to any other, but, like Pynchon and Salinger, he wrote a popular masterplece early in his career, which shook people into a new state of awareness about modern writing and went straight to the heart of an entire generation. And that's the key: no giant talent, no Event. No genius, no

hype. And hype there is, aplenty, folks, around this current specimen. No picture, no person - no problem! - no Pynchon. Just 773 pages bound together and titled Mason & Dixon, published simultaneously in Britain and the United States as An Event. In the United States, only 100 advance Britain, none. Which means nothing to the general public, but means a whole (non-alcoholic) Lost Weekend to anyone expected to review the book in time for publication. And having dutifully fulfilled that commission, Dear Reader, I can now (have a drink and) acquit Mr Pynchon's publishers of all charges of wrongful hype in limiting advance reads of

want it leaked that what they've got here is an overlong, unmodulated, pun-infested, hollow, puerile, rambling dud. It neither informs nor entertains. It embarrasses its author. It is, despite tedious attempts at wit and wordplay, miserably unf. Unny.
Which is very sad indeed, coming from a writer who, in V

and Gravity's Rainbow, exercised a perfectly-pitched wit aimed unerringly at everything and anytory in American society. Our Tom, as he will always be regarded by his fans (myself among them) was straight-on, wiki, 2any, larger-than-life, brilliant, unpre-

. Well, Our Tom is missing yet again — not only from the phonebook; from his own book. Mason & Dixon is set in the later part of the 18th century. The

astronomers and surveyors, are Charles Mason, later of Greenwich Observatory, and Jeremiah Dixon, his Geordie sidekick, both what are known in today's fiction as real people, about whom not enough is known on which to hang a full biography, but about whom just enough is known for an author inclined to stretch the truth to have some fun without incurring damages.

To British readers I should perhaps explain that for an American writer of Pyrichon's age and education the was born in 1937 and went to state schools on Long Island and unstate New York, well before political correctness dictated the curricula), the more familiar century after our own is the 18th - it's the century Americans learn first when we study history, the centu-

ry when the United States began. So to employ linguistic quirks peculiar to the Age of Reason (when Nouns were capitalised) is a beaten path well-trodden by our modern heavyweights. We've all read The Declaration, so you better do it as well, if you're going to do it, and Pynchon doesn't. "Excuse me," Dixon characteristically inquires in what only Pynchon can believe reads like a North Country accent, "Whah's thah smoakin' Object in thy

Mouth, that the keen puffin on?" Well, excuse me, but Tobacco, on the Whole, stopped being a funny unknown Object around the time the Surgeon General spoke, already more than 30 years ago and Pynchon fails to shine new light on it or on any Object. for that maner, which lends the entire massive opus a tired, been there, done that Entropy. What brings Mason and Dixon together

in the first place, in Pynchon's version of a Laurel and Hardy astronomer act ("Another bonny gahn-on tha've got us into," Dixon frequently complains), are the Transits of Venus in 1761 and 1769. events which the American historian Garry Wills in Inventing America calls "momentous" in determining solar distance.

Surely a wonderful tale could be spun on sighting the Transits alone, but Pyrichon fails there, too. On and on the book labours as Mason and Dixon travel to America to site their famous line between the Penns and Calverts. It could have been a fabulous rale about the artificial boundaries we construct among ourselves. Instead, it is a self-admonishing conceit. After nearly 800 pages. this protracted exercise delivers one justified conclusion only: Tom? You need to get out more.

Required: death or disappearance

"A SAINT is: what I am not. A saint is: over there. Not here." Isobel finds the beaufication of her late aunt Josephine hard to believe. The nun had fostered the girl since infancy. bringing her up in a convent where the dreariness of religious life and the silliness of the other sisters has become increasingly difficult to bear. Yet while Josephine is alive, nobody else knows of her impatience nor of her hunger for knowledge, good conversation and sexual freedom. Even outside the walls, a strict male world promotes humility as the highest female virtue: selfeffacement is the only way an intelligent woman can survive.

The same repressive system operates through all the stories threaded through this novel. And whether born now or in Roman times, most of these 12 female saints are impossible: Saint Christine, an angry, fat teenager who flies: Saint Petronilla. the early feminist: Saint Paula, who drives her own daughter to fatal anorexia; Saint Agnes, a protopunk; and Saint Uncumber, who bites off her father's penis. Josephine's life looks pretty tame by comparison. But as her story develops she helps explain how strict male dogma can twist the course of any young woman's life.

THE stories examine what it takes for a female to be judged saintly. The first priority seems to be death (preferably an unpleasant one), a preserved or disappeared body (putrefaction is suspect) and the survival of few personal details. Such details carry echoes of every convent schoolgirl's handbook, The Lives of the Saints, and the author acknowledges the influence of St Teresa of Avila in her own story of Saint Josephine. But whereas religious writers reduced their creatures to two-dimensional icons, Roberts has put flesh on their miraculous bones. The flowering of teenage bodies and the discovery of emergent sexuality are conveyed with all the insight of a

modern novelist. For many of these individuals.



Roberts: asks what is saintly

Aisling Foster

IMPOSSIBLE SAINTS By Michèle Roberts Linle, Brown, 514.99 ISBN 0-316-63957-5

saintly journey begins. Their rela-tionships with adoring fathers are changed: they have become chattels. which the poor old male finds almost impossible to ignore. For some, that new relationship involves incest, but often more complex feelings of fear and rage emerge. Most of the young women try to escape; but a couple of them play along with their fathers requirements and suffer death for their kindness.

Michèle Roberts's familiar blend of irony and sensual language deliberately subverts the naive conventions of hagingraphy. There are striking contrasts, too, between the rags of old convictions and individual thought: Belief in her vocation

... had fallen off her like a dress she stepped out of and kicked to one side. Belief in God Himself was the problem now." Such tensions will make the lives of these Impossible Saints required reading for schoolgirls in a pasi-religious world.

HOME

Celebration of an unquiet life

Duncan Fallowell

welcomes the

authorised life of

a master of

English letters

Surprisingly the authorised biography of Cyril Connolly, who died in 1974, is only appearing now. It has been delayed by the refusal of his last wife, Deirdre, to authorise the use of his personal archive and she did her late husband no favours. 'As a result his reputation suffered a severe eclipse - unjustly, for he is a major figure in English letters of the 20th century, richer in style, content and associations than many more cele-

brated names. He was indeed its most famous failure, analysing in profound and

> CYRIL CONNOLLY A Life By Jeremy Lewis Jonathan Cape, £25

ISBN 0 224 03710 2

vivid essays his inability to produce. great works, in a permanent state of rebellion within himself and against small-mindedness in others. One of the many joys reading Connolly is in his adoration of the rebel. He himself was too lacking in courage, too addicted to society and snob appiause, to make anything of his rebellion other than a Trojan horse within the gates, but that is a most

valuabie animal. Finally—and I don't recall that he precisely identified this—he was defeated by his knowingness. He could never entirely abandon learns things and was therefore a connoisseur - that is, he had plenty of

fantasy but no imagination. However, he triumphed in the creation of one masterpiece, The Unquiet Grave, a celebration of the good life by an anxious melancholic



Contented? Connolly with son Matthew at home in Eastbourne

of breathraking candour. It is probably one of the dozen great books to come out of England this century. certainly the least parochial, and would of itself justify Mr Lewis's 653 riveting pages. Furthermore, the deflection of Connolly's enormous gifts into reviews and articles made him the inventor of New Journalism about 40 years before its appearance in America in the 1960s.

The man emerges from Lewis's biography as more bohemian and strange than from the previous,

unauthorised one by Clive Fisher. less the clever Etonian-Oxfordian. more the wounded original, more existentialist in fact. Connolly's moody slobbishness and lack of humbug can be spectacular - no wonder Evelyn Waugh, a phoney to his fingertips, was so disturbed by

Connolly made no secret of his homosexual loves in youth nor of his successful pursuit of young women later on. He relished food, wine, antiques, 18th-century houses, trav-

el, friends, animals, but lack of money made his life formless. Therefore he worshipped elegant form. This, combined with his misfit temperament and physical ugliness. made him one of the most seductive advocates of dandyism.

Mr Lewis's recreation of the life is rigorous yet charged with a lyrical and moving empathy — I spotted only two unforgivable howers (pages 155 and 304). He can on occasions be as droll as Connolly whose father is described as "A towering figure in the world of snails, and South African snails in particular". We are given not only a factual narrative but also a progression of values - Lewis emphasises what people thought and what they wanted - which brings all the other participants in Connolly's life dra-

onnolly's sexual affairs and three marriages, all wildly overlapping, emerge no more clearly here than in Fisher's account, but Lewis has the advantage of being able to quote from unpub-lished letters and journals and, most revealingly of all. Connolly's unused manuscripts. The main lines of the story are not altered but are deliciously refreshed. One does learn something very attractive and new: Connolly could weep in public It goes well with the overweight sponger of grubby habits and kleptomaniac tendencies. The footnotes are exceptionally juicy and not

to be skipped. Connolly's dream of being a genius in Paris was also the dream of an enlargement and escape. He stretched the elastic but it never snapped - and eventually contracted to a villa in Eastbourne (where he had been at prep school), two children, and the weekly review. Despite aspects of contentment there is a horror in this redeemed only by his desperate attempts to be unfaithful to his wife. And yet throughout he was somehow marked by the gods. As Edmund Wilson wrote, Connolly, for all his faults, "has a wit and a distinctive. an innate cachet of the artist that none of his contemporaries (whom I

puberty is the point where the

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Shelle Elizinger

TRAVEL NEWS

FLIGHTS

AIR UK has single fares from £34 between London, Southlands. Details: 0345 606777.

MUNICH. Berlin and Düsseldorf cost £79 return in British Airways current world offers. Details: 0345 222111.

B AIR CHINA will provide a free domestic connection to Heathrow for passengers booking its weekly flight to Hong Kong. Tickets cost £625 economy. £1,299 business class. Details: 0171-630 0919.

BRITISH AIRWAYS has a £200 Cairo seat sale fare provided you book by May 14. Details: 0345 222111.

M CAMPUS TRAVEL has a E170 return fare from Heathrow or Manchester to New York for travellers aged under 26. Details: 0171-730 2101.

MAIR FRANCE has flights to Johannesburg, Cape Town or Harare for E329 from London, Birmingham. Manchester. Edinburgh or Southampton, between May 7 and May 28. Details: Trailfinders, 0171-938 3939.

HOLIDAYS

FOURTEEN nights for the price of seven at Tongsai Bay Hotel on Koh Samui, Thailand, is on offer from today until June 30. Prices from £899 a person, including return flights via Bangkok from Destination Far East. Details:

■ TENERIFE for £169 a person for a week's First Choice self-catering holiday with a flight from East Midlands nomorrow is available from Co-op Travelcare. Details: 0101-827 1030.

■ KOS, the Greek island, is available for £179 for a week's self-catering from Odyssey Holidays with a flight from Gatwick next Wednesday, Details: 0181-343 9090.

■ A MARITIME week at Whitby from May 10 is on offer from Countrywide Holidays to coincide with the visit of Captain Cook's ship, The Endeavour. Price: £270 a person with guest house accommodation, excursions and meals. Details: 0161-446 2226.

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from Advantage Travel Centres. Fly from Gatwick on May II; B&B accommodation.

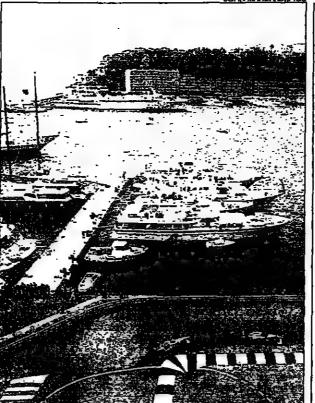
Details: 0990 881888.

■ KITZBUHEL, Austria, is on offer at savings of £100 a couple from Crystal Holidays. A week's all-inclusive holiday at The Mellona with flights from three UK airports on May 14, 17 and 21, now costs from £310 a person. Details:

■ HALF-TERM week holidays in cottages in the Loire and Burgundy in late May are available from VFB Holidays with prices starting from £310 per property and including short ferry crossings. Details: 01242 240340.

■ LAS VEGAS for a week for £499 a person, staying at the Medieval-themed Excalibur and flying from Gatwick on June 9, is on offer from Unijet. Details: 0990 336336.

EARLY booking discounts of up to 50 per cent are available from Going Places on selected Holland America Line cruises. De-



A Monaco Grand Prix package is available for £499 a person from BAC Sport, using a flight from Gatwick on May 9, two nights' B&B at a San Remo hotel and tickets for the race on May 11. Details: 0171-456 7100

HOTELS

MOAT HOUSE Hotels nationwide are offering a variety of themed events and menus tonight to celebrate the election. Most hotels will also provide big-screen television coverage. Details: 06-45 213214.

■ WHITBREAD opened its 150th Travel Inn budget hotel this week at Norwich, opposite the Norfolk Showground at the Longwater Interchange. All rooms, which can sleep up to two adults and two children. cost £36.50 a night. Details; 01582 41434),

SUMMER savings of up to 60 per cent are on offer at more than 70 Radisson SAS Hotels in Europe from June 21 until August 18. To qualify, guests have to buy a Family Magic Hotel Pass costing £9, which also provides discountsto local attractions. Details: 0800 374411.

■ SEE the show Riverdance at the Playhouse Theatre in Edinburgh on May 17 and stay at the Jarvis Learmonth Hotel overnight for £99.95 a. person. Price includes coach transfer, ticket and accommodation. Reservations through

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■ DISCOUNTS at Hiltoni International fiotels in Europe available to cardholders until September 30, based on double occupancy. Quote reference EF. De-tails: 0800 856 8000.

FERRIES

IRISH FERRIES has a special deal for foot passengers, travelling from London to Dublin by rail/ferry, of £59 a person return. The offer is for non-peak dates until December 17. Details: 0171-387 8541.

■ PASSENGERS on Scandinavian Seaways departing tomorrow can book a two-night trip from Harwich to Hamburg from £69 a person, including cabin, breakfast and n sightseeing tour. Details: 0990 333111.

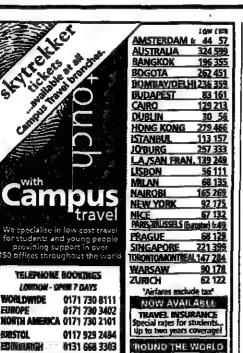
■ THE Isle of Man Steam Packet Company is offering weekend specials (Friday-Sunday departures) from Liverpool and Heysham for Ell9. for a car, plus two adults. A motorcycle and rider travel for £59, foot passengers for £29 return (ticket valid for four days). Details: 01624 645645.

BRITTANY FERRIES of fers a 10-day one-way ticket, covering a car plus five passengers for £50, on the Poole-Cherbourg and Portsmouth-Caen routes, until the end of the year. Afternoon sailings only. Bookable through Euro-drive: Details: 0181-324 4000.

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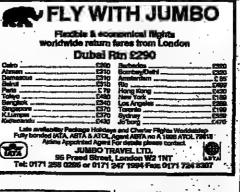
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CHEAP holidays by the thousand are available for the coming Bank Holiday weekend, but leading travel agents say these may be the last opportunity to find bargains for peak

periods.

They believe that the general election and the public's failure to accept that the first Monday in May is now a holiday have contributed to the lack of demand, and this has led to the special offers. An extra reason. is that today marks the start of the summer season, when an increased number of holidays becomes available for most tour operators.

Leading the field with the best offers is Airtours, which is unloading

scores of special deals through Going Places, the high street travel agent. Prices start at £95 for a week's selfcatering in Majorca, using a flight from Gatwick on Saturday. Several other deals costing about £100 for next week in the Mediterranean are also available.

Thomas Cook is also offering cheap deals to the Mediterranean next week with prices starting at E109. Kosmar, a leading independent Greek operator, is offering a week's self-catering in Crete for £159 per person, with a flight from Gatwick tomorrow...

Low-price deals are also available this weekend at dozens of British hotels. Superbreak, which markets 575 hotels in 300 locations, reports that savings of between 20 and 40 per cent are on offer. The Athenaeum in London has cut its price from £121.50 a night to £78.60 for guests staying two or more nights from tomorrow to Monday. Prices at the Royal Hotel, in York, are down from £68 a night for tinner, bed and breakfast to 554.40. Bed and breakfast at the Copthorne, in Plymouth, is reduced from £40.50

Nick Cust, Superbreak's joint managing director, says: This Bank Holiday weekend is a good one to travel because the election has slowed down consumer demand. It is not just city hotels which have special offers: plenty are available in the country. The Damson Dene near Bowness in the Lake District, for example, is offering dinner bed and breakfast for £54 a night."

Holiday cottages in Britain are also readily available. Farm and Cottage Holidays is offering a 20 per cent discount on farm cottages in Cornwall. Country Holidays, Britain's biggest self-catering operator, has plenty of cottages for four people available next week from £200.

Geoff Cowley, the company's marketing director, says: These prices rise by about £20 for the second week in May, a further £20 for the third week and by the spring Bank Holiday they can be as much as £100 higher. There is already less choice for the spring Bank Holiday week. which coincides with half-term. expect a late-booking surge."

The same pattern of rising prices will affect package holidays. The Airtours special offer to Majorra increases to £219 a week in mid-May and \$329 for the late spring Bank Holiday week. A Nile cruise for one week with Destination Red Sea will cost £299, with a flight from Gatwick on May 18, or £319 flying from Manchester, but will be £200 more the week after.

Peter Povey, Lunn Poly's marketing director. says: "Bank Holidays are traditionally a time to get away and you can guarantee that the favourite spots are filling up fast, even if they cost more. People should book now if they want to venture further than their back garden for the next Bank Holiday."



Give us a break

R the leaders of our D three main political parties will need a holiday -and we will need a break from them, too. So here are a few suggestions for John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown to get away

from it all. With Mr Major's love of cricket, warm beer and cream teas, he and Norma could go to Canterbury tomorrow and check in at secluded Waltham Court Hotel in Petham where rooms cost £65 per night. Michael Howard, who lives

in nearby Lympne, might like to join them in the 'At 54, evening to drown their sorrows. Mr Major Mr Major could qualifies the St Lawrence Ground and watch Kent play for a Sussex in the 50-Saga over Benson and Hedges Cup holiday'

unlikely to be more than about 3,000 people in the ground so he may not be noticed when he pays for his £9 ticket, plus £5 to enter the members' enclosure.

match. There are

An overnight break is unlikely to be enough to overcome the effects of the gruelling campaign. So once Mr Major has moved out of No 10, started the new political term on May 14 and sorted the Tory leadership succession, he will need a longer holiday. Mr Major, 54, qualifies

for a Saga holiday. And on May 20 the grey genera-tion's first cruise liner, the Saga Rose, sets off on its inaugural voyage. For a maximum of £5,799 he could spend 15 nights cruising around the Mediterranean in the ship's most exclusive cabin — and even though, officially, they are sold out, I am assured a cabin will be found for him.

Mr Ashdown will want to dash off to Burgundy to see his new grandson. Blakes Boating Holidays have a

week's cruising on a six-berth boat available on the Burgundy canals from this Saturday for £1.078.

A former Royal Marine. Mr Ashdown may, however, want something really adventurous, So. apart from trekking in China, I would suggest that he heads for the difficult class-5 whitewaters of the Apurimac River in Peru. Prices with Worldwide Journeys and Expeditions start from £1.150 per person and include return flights to Lima and three days' rafting.
The probability is that Mr

Blair will be too busy moving into No 10 to think about a holiday. But should it all go wrong, or should he be tempted to leave it to John Prescott for a while, worse than take up Crystal Italy's offer of a week in the Chianti re-

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gion to the south of Siena, I am told that an antique farmhouse converted into seven apartments with a swimming pool — sounds just right for Tuscany-loving Tony — is available for £366 per person. including return flights, accommodation and car hire. Or he could go to Rome with Thomson, stay in a five-star hotel for two nights for £439 per person — and even have "audjence" with the

Or he could fly to the outback of Victoria, Australia to stay with his friends for a couple of weeks with Trailfinders for £772, including a car hire. But he probably won't want to be too far from the levers of power, so Ireland, where he and Cherie once went househunting may be more appealing. A Country Holidays cottage, which sleeps six. in County Clare is available for £346 a week. including ferry crossing.

Let's hope they all take my

Lakeland village cancels holidays

BY TONY DAWE

FAMILIES who had booked breaks over the next ten days at Britain's newest holiday village are being turned away after scores of minor faults

The Oasis Lakeland Forest Village near Penrith, Cumbria, planned to open tomorrow and welcome more than 1,000 visitors for a Bank Holiday weekend break but will now remain closed until after the following weekend at

The £100 million venture is the first of its kind by a company formed by the Rank leisure group to capitalise on the growing demand for inclusive holidays in centres with a wide range of attractions, a market dominated in Britain by Center Parcs.

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It was devastating for us to cancel the holidays." Julie Gould, Oasis Villages' com-

munications manager, said.

But we could not credibly bring in paying guests if everything was not perfect.

The faults were found when staff and contractors stayed at the village on "trial holitays" last month. Most problems were in the guest lodges and included faulty cookers, televisions and jacuzzis. The comwith external features includ-

ing car park surfacing.
We had two options when we discovered the problems." Ms Gould said. "We either Prostponed the opening to al-

low contractors a clear run to resolve these issues or allowed guests on site with the risk that their stay might be disrupted. We decided to postpone the opening because we are determined not to compromise the quality of the product." Families who had booked breaks costing between E164.

and £300 for the next two weekends and for the middle of next week will receive a full refund and be offered a free holiday to be taken at any time after the village opens. The Oasis management will meet contractors for a full review of the repair work on Tuesday and hopes to armounce an opening date afterwards.

Le Shuttle drops 'turn up and go'

By STEVE KEENAN

EUROTUNNEL has dropped its promise to operate a "turn-up-and-go" service on the carcarrying Le Shuttle train through the Channel Tunnel.
This time last year, two-thirds of travellers paid on

departure but the company was forced to switch to a prebooked reservation system when the tunnel blaze halved car capacity last November. Now Eurotunnel has decided to continue to take reservations even when repair work is finished in mid-May.

When the tunnel opened in 1994 tour operators warned that the turn-up-and-go service would overwhelm the company at busy times.

Colin Matthews, director of Matthews Holidays, says: "It is the customers who have been suffering. They believed they could turn up and go, whereas at busy times they were actually turning up and queueing."

The turn-up system is not being completely scrapped, with day trip and business customers the prime markets for last-minute travel decisions. But they will still be expected to call and ask whether space is available.

Bill Dix, the Le Shuttle managing director, says: "Essentially, we will be running a reservation system. We cannor go back to a turn-up-and-



American demands could spoil the "Englishness" of Princess Margaret's holiday island

British called to save Mustique's character

PRINCESS Margaret's faisland of Mustique is attempt ing to woo "ordinary" British. holidaymakers in an effort to halt creeping Americanisation. The 50 shareholders in the

Mustique Company, which owns the island and rents out its hunny villas, is worried that the demands and tastes of wealthy Americans could irrevocably change its image. Brian Alexander, the manager of the island, says:

"There is something very spe-cial and 'English' about Mustique which we want to retain. The Americans expect to find the same things they would in Florida resorts. We don't want a golf course, but we do want to keep the cricket pitch, for example. Anyone who insists on playing golf should go to the Royal West-moreland at Barbados."

He adds: "We have long been considered a private island for rock stars or royalty and everyone else must keep out. But that is not the case and we want as many people from Britain to come as. possible to ensure we keep our Britishness."

The company is spending that," Mr Alexander says. marketing drive to attract more UK holidaymakers. It has even set up a satellite station to receive BBC and Sky television programmes which it can beam into indi-

vidual properties in place of CNN and other American Mustique was bought by Colin Tenant in 1959, who created the company — which now provides public services normally paid for by the local authority - from among the

villa owners in 1969. The old 20-room Cotton House hotel, which had become run-down, has been restored and reopened. Whereas the villas are 60 per cent owned or rented by US holidaymakers, 60 per cent of the hotel rooms are taken by British guests," Mr Alexander says. "Now we want them to take holidays in the villas

To buy a plot of land and build a villa on Mustique today would cost at least £1.25 million. "But J am amazed by the number of people who can easily afford successful entrepreneurs.

Very few are on a salary. Eventually the island will have 110 villas, all individually designed and screened from view. Owners have come from all over the world seeking total privacy and luxury, whatever the cost. But for much of the year properties are not used by their owners. who rent them out through the Mustique Company.

A one-bedroom villa sleep-

ing two people costs from £1,978 a week excluding flights which, with British Airways and Air Mustique, range from around £600 for an economy class ticket to nearly £2,000 for business class. A larger villa, such as the one owned by Patrick Lichfield, costs around £12,000 a week. Both include a number of resident staff and use of a car.

The Cotton House hotel is sold as part of a package through such tour operators as Elegant Resorts and Caribbean Connections, with oneweek all-inclusive costing around £1,955 a person.

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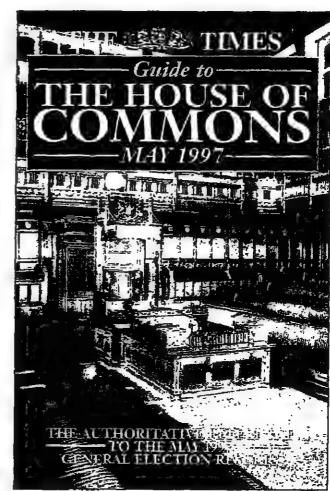
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Old wings for a new view

A DOUGLAS DC4 built in 1939 is being restored to fly Saga holidaymakers around Africa on an 11-night "air

safari", Harvey Elliott writes."
The demand from the over-50s for ever more adventurous holidays led the company to lease a former South African Airways DC4 to carry 40 passengers at low level over some of the most awe-inspiring sights in southern and eastern Africa. The four-engine propeller-

driven aircraft is part of SAA's historic flight of vintage aircraft. The DC4 operated a variety of services from 1947 to 1965 and has now been fitted with Boeing 737 business class seats, each with its own large window to ensure a view.

It will enable the passengers to get close-up views of Kilimanjaro, Victoria Falls, the Serengeti National Park, Zanzibar and Madagascar. The price of £3,899 per

person includes return flights from London to Johannesburg, seven nights in four-star and two in three-star hotels as well as most lunches and dinners and two nights on board the aircraft. The brochure was released last week, and already several bookings have been taken for the seven trips planned between October and January next year. Saga - which specialises in



Douglas DC4: low-level flights offer African close-ups

taking people over 50 during the off-peak season — is expecting an even bigger surge in demand for expensive, longhaul adventure holidays as older people benefit from the building society windfalls due

to be paid this summer. Roger De Haan, Saga's chairman, says. There is a huge and growing demand from older people to travel the world. Many are retiring earlier, often on good, index-linked pensions, and have the means and the freedom to travel which is often denied to

younger people." Extra packages to far-flung destinations where older people can go mountain climbing and scuba diving have been added this year. Adventurous "grey panthers" are now being offered,

for example, a three-day walk but it's not an easy stroll. They will climb Mount Kinabalu in Borneo, at 13,455ft the highest peak in South East Asia. Others may fancy scuba diving in the Maldives, including tuition and equipment, or activities from archery to tennis. Canoeing over rapids or, as one customer preferred last year, swimming across a piranha-infested stretch of the RUGBY LEAGUE: ST HELENS EXPECT MUCH OF CENTRAL FIGURE AT WEMBLEY

Superstar who shuns spotlight

BY CHRISTOPHER TOWNS

THE first question was bowled underarm. After winning with St Helens at Wembley 12 months ago, was he looking forward to possibly repeating the experience on Saturday? Paul Newlove looked flustered. "Sorry, mate, I can't do this," was the reply and he disappeared, later sending his application.

sending his apologies.

Bradford Bulls are likely to have the same trouble pinning down Newlove in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final. Such an irresistible playing force and prosaic personality seem strangely at odds. but Newlove. 25, has always felt awkward in the limelight off the field and he was grateful. after his grilling, to re-enter his purdals.

his purdah. Nobody from the former mining village of Featherstone could be accused of being precious. The personification of the strong, silent type, all Newlove wants is to be left to get on with the job. There is no harm in that, except that after persuading him to attend the club's pre-final media event, David Howes, the St Helens chief executive, was left to explain the absence of the world's costliest player, something he did by saying that if asked about his breakfast. Newlove would probably have felt it was an intrusion. The subject of all this attention prefers to shut himself away and what motivates the country's outstanding player will probably stay hidden.

As a former Bradford centre, until a £500,000 move 18 months ago to St Helens (he longs for that record to be broken to deflect attention from him), Newlove has said that the press in Yorkshire is out to "get" him. Gentle ribbing is hardly a campaign of vilification. but the chants of "Judas" by Bradford supporters last year were real enough.

Confusions keep cropping up in Newlove's career: Shaun McRae had heard that he was lazy, yet the St Helens coach found him eager and willing to learn; he was said to have an attitude problem after twice withdrawing from Great Britain squads — he was actually afraid of flying; and when Bradford dismissed his



Newlove takes up the attack in the style that St Helens hope will prove decisive at Wembley on Saturday

mentor. Peter Fox, there was another communications difficulty, this time with Brian Smith, Fox's successor.

The fact was that Newlove's heart was no longer at Odsal. His commitment at St Helens could never be questioned. "He doesn't mind travelling by car three hours a day and the fact is he rarely misses training or is late," McRae said. "I've got the upmost respect for him. He's a genuine lad who just wants to get on with playing."

on with playing."

When McRae, who was assistant couch at Canberra.

compares Newlove to Mal Meninga, the great former Australia captain and centre, it is on the basis of having worked with both. "In running ability and beating a man. Paul is probably better. With the football. Mal's still the best I've seen, but Paul has champion qualities. Picking a World XIII, he's one of the first you'd include," he said.

"He's a quiet lad, but utterly dedicated. When I arrived, he just wanted the ball and ran over everyone and scored. That's fine, but it was a standard routine with him

and now he has far more strings to his bow. Defensively, he's improved a heck of a lot. He also provides far more attacking options — and like all great players, he makes others look good."

Having forged a productive centre-wing partnership with Paul Loughlin — one of three makeweights in the Newlove deal and an opponent on Saturday — any doubts Anthony Sullivan had disappeared when he scored twice from Newlove passes in their first game together. "I've come to understand that the

ball's never dead with Paul.

Tacklers think they have got him and he'll be going away from them on one leg. If you don't follow him, you will miss out and, from short range, he is the deadliest centre going."

With perfect timing, New-

With perfect timing, Newlove has exploded into life after a groin injury, inspiring a big defeat of Warrington and overpowering Castleford last Sunday with a brace of unstoppable tries. More than anything Newlove might have said, those two scores spoke volumes. HOCKEY

England go prospecting in search of Cup places

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

MAGGIE SOUYAVE, the former captain who is now in charge of the England women's attempt to reach the World Cup finals, embarks on a voyage of discovery at the five-nation tournament starting here today.

Souyave, who described the tournament as a "finding-out process", has selected few established players. Five are under 21, including Lucilla Wright, at 17 still a schoolgirl. Six are uncapped, "We are going there to see whether they are up to it. All 16 will get plenty of exposure. Of course it will be nice to win, but results are not the prime aim," the England coach said.

There is probably a second reason for leaving behind the likes of Jane Sixsmith. Three of England's opponents here are the hosts, Ireland and Japan, who are all in their pool at the World Cup qualifying tournament in Harare in August. Souyave does not want to give much away.

want to give much away.

Their first opponents, the United States, who England meet today, arethe strongest. The Americans were fifth at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year, a place behind Great Britain. Like England, they are trying out newcomers, but they do include seven of their Olympic side, including Tracey Fuchs, Kelli James and Elizabeth Tchou.

Englarid have a tough schedule, having to play their matches on four consecutive days. Canada will be their second opponents, followed by Japan and Ireland. The backbone of the England team will be the goalkeeper, Hilary Rose, Karen Brown and the new captain, Mandy Davies. Five players from Leicester, just relegated from the premier division, are selected. England School. C Reid (Hintown, Hose funtilabled), S Blanks (Leicester).

mier division, are selected.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Elias steps forward to rule on Russell

GERARD ELIAS, the Queen's Counsel at the centre of the Ray Illingworth book rumpus last year, has been asked to pass judgment on the forthcoming book by Jack Russell. Elias, the Glamorgan vice-chairman, will act in his capacity as chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) discipline committee. Lord's yesterday gave the go-ahead for a disciplinary procedure to be considered against Russell, the Gloucestershire and England wicketkeeper, who has upset the authorities by his decision to publish his autobiography without final permission.

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A serialisation of his book, Jack Russell Unleashed, has appeared in a tabloid daily newspaper. Tim Lamb, the ECB chief executive, said: "It is up to the chairman of discipline to see if there is a case to be answered."

Sanchez Vicario slips up

TENNIS: Petra Langrova beat Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the defending champion and former world No I, in straight sets yesterday at the Rexona Cup in Hamburg. Langrova, the world No 74, from the Czech Republic, capitalised on numerous errors made by Sánchez Vicario, from Spain, handing her a 7-5, 6-3 defeat and her earliest departure from a tournament since she appeared in Sydney in January. "I was just too unconcentrated out there," Sánchez-Vicario

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, from Holland, the hardserving No 5 seed, suffered the day's second upset when she was beaten by Anne-Gaelle Sidot, of France, 6-2, 6-1.

Eights duel in Paris

ROWING: Britain and France face each other in a five kilometre eights race on the River Seine in Paris today. Jürgen Gröbler, the Britain coach, has selected a crew that includes Matthew Pinsent, Tim Foster and James Cracknell, three of the recently-announced new coxless four for the next Olympic Games. Steve Redgrave, still recovering from an appendix operation, is absent. Of the rest of the crew. Richard Hamilton, Ben Hunt-Davis, Bob Thatcher and Toby Garbett are all from Leander, while Alex Story was in the winning Cambridge crew in the Boat Race. John Deakin, the coxwain, is from Nottingham County.

Wales squeezed out

LACROSSE: Wales lost to Australia by the narrowest of margins in the women's World Cup in Tokyo yesterday. Wales went two up, through Phil Carter and Julianne Spiers, but Australia came back to lead 3-2 at half-time. They went on to win 6-5, but Helen Talbot, the Wales vice-captain, almost claimed a late equaliser when the Australian goalkeeper made a brilliant save from her powerful shot.

Rose climbs higher

GOLF: Justin Rose, 16, will make his full England debut in the international against Spain at La Manga on May 9 and 10. The Hampshire player, who was added to the senior training squad in February after some dazzling performances at junior level, is the only new cap.

ENGLAND: M Blackey (Hayling), M Carver (West Kent), L Donald (Beaconsheld), M Reymard (Moseley), J Rose (North Hunts), K Wallbark (Fairheven), S Webster (Ifield), P Wiggins, (Porteland), G Wolsteinholme (Neworth Springs), Non-philying capitairs P McGroyy (Copt Health)

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THE SATIMES

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The Times, in association with Chessington World of Adventures, offers you the chance to get a free child ticket to London's theme park.

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Tregaron switches to winning side

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

REG AKEHURST, the "handicap king" of British racing, pulled off his third insulpak Victoria Cup success at Ascot vesterday and immediately credited the victory to a jockey's brilliance - and a farmer's sympathetic ear.

Note of

Br. Galley,

PATE 1

The decision by Richard Quinn halfway through the race to take Tregaron from the slower stands' side to the far side of the track, where the runners held at least a threelength advantage, paid a handsome dividend as he Swept past World Premier inside the final furlong to

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Kingdom Emperor (4.30 Redcar) Next best: Broad River (4.00 Redcar)

record a 212-length success. What a brilliant decision Richard made. He had to make it because they were all dead on the stands' side," Akehurst said.

However, the tactical brilliance of Quinn would have counted for nothing if Bert Perry had not agreed a few weeks ago to kill 20 acres of oilseed rape planted near the all-weather gallops close to Akehurst's Epsom base.

Akehurst is convinced that the pollen produced by oilseed rape is harmful to horses' respiratory systems and was responsible last year for several of his older animals running badly. "It was plant-

WOLVERHAMPTON

2.15 Russian Romao. 2.45 Dencing Sloux. 3.15 Silent Miracle. 3.45 ZIGGY'S DANCER (nap). 4.15 Kingsdown Trix. 4.45 Little ibnr. 5.15 State Approval.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Silent Mirable. 3.45 GENERAL SIR PETER (nap). 5.15 Jump The

7-2 One Singer, 4-1 Hey Up Male, 6-1 Reservood Lidy, 7-1 Smoot Roole, 8-1 Demolition In Charlesia, Suprement 10-1 others.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 UTL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: \$2,277: 51) (13 runners)



Quinn drives Tregaron out for a decisive success in the valuable Insulpak Victoria Cup at Ascot yesterday

ed last year near the allweather gallop and when the horses pull up they take deep breaths. We had a lot of horses with lung infections last year." Perry, who owns the Woodcote Stud and has horses in training, replanted two

fields with the crop this year

2.45 RPL CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: arrateur: £1,635: 61) (9)

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4. (4) 08-4 FAREWELL MY LOVE 187 (0.5) P Core 9-12 ... T Currer 19

5. (3) 015- SALLY GREEN 193 (0.6) C Wald 8-6 ... 9 Outfladd 96

6. (8) 4-34 60P! (5 R Hannas 6-3 ... 0,0) U Berry 6-1 ... 0 Outfladd 96

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9. (9) 4-1 SHALSTRAHOLY 77 (6) 6 L Moses 8-3 Marten Dayer (5) 94

8. (6) 18-0 NARVISHA 3 (0.0) J Berry 8-1 ... 0 G Carter 99

9. (5) 14 BONYALLA MILL 36 (0.0) A Streete 7-10 R Machan (5) 80

SLINKERED FIRST TIME: Redout: 4.30 Advance East: Whothehelisharry Wolverhampton: 4.15 Skelton Sovereign. 5.15 Blys.

but when he was approached by Geoff Lewis, another Epsom trainer, he agreed to spray and kill off the oilseed rape, Akehurst said. "We owe him a debt of gratitude."

· Tregaron had been a shade unfortunate not to win at Newmarket two weeks ago

ing runner-up, much to the anger of Akehurst. "It stopped me having a good bet," he The successful manoeuvring of Tregaron completed a

when he hit the front too soon.

He was raised 41b for finish-

3.45 VARIX HANDICAP (£5,353: 5f) (10)

4.15 ISDN SELLING STAKES

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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Ascot

race caused something of an upset when partnering Orchestra Stall to success in the Insulpak Sagaro Stakes. The betting suggested Grey Shot and Double Trigger would stage a repeat of their memobig-race double for rable duel last year. However. with Double Trigger never travelling comfortably and the front-running Grey Shot fading tamely a quarter-mile out. the script was left in tatters.

No one was more surprised than John Dunlop, trainer of the winner. You had better ask the owner what the plan is. I haven't got a clue." he

Lord Swaythling, the princi-pal owner of the 9-1 shot. responded, somewhat tongue in cheek: That was the plan. We always thought he liked soft ground but then realised he was running better on top of the ground, so we took a chance. We didn't like the idea; happily the horse did." The omens do not look good

for Double Trigger, who was being niggled at by Jason Weaver after half a mile and never looked like getting in the shake-up. The application of blinkers and a return to frontrunning tactics may help, but with a plethora of decent stayers, headed by Classic Cliche and Celeric, waiting in the wings he could find it tough to regain the winning habit this season.

When Frankie Dettori arriyed at Ascot yesterday before racing he walked to the enclosure he knows best, knelt in front of the place reserved for the winner of races - and kissed the grass. No photographers were there to capture the moment; only a few spectators and a handful of officials with bowler hats. "I just said thank you very much for last year," Dettori said ... before winning the opening race of Ascot's new Flat season on Noisette, an unfancied 11-1

4.45 RPL CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: amateurs, £1,635, 61) (9)

5.15 DECT HANDICAP (\$2,940: 1m 4f) (12)

1 (2) -623 ONE OFF THE RAIL DA (D.F.6) G.1 Moose 7-10-0 (K Fallon 9) (7) 4126 PREMIER DANCE 5 (CD.F.6) D (Involutions 10-9-12 P P Marghy (5) 90 480 JUMP THE LIGHTS 10 (CD.6) S Woods 49-11 W Ryen 81 18 0-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W Ryen 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W Ryen 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W Ryen 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W Ryen 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W Ryen 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W Ryen 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM HINTER 20 (CD.6) FOR WOODS 49-11 W RYEN 82 19-00 SWAM FOR

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Shekhan, bridge correspondent Two different attitudes to defence are illustrated by this hand. played in a match in the 1996-97 Premier League. Dealer South Love all

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+K6 Contract: Four Hearts by South, Lead: four of spades

By Philip Howard

LACERT

b. Swift

c. A lizard

MACARIZE

a. To shred

c. To call happy

a. Lightly armoured

b. A Turkish commander

Answers on page 49

North bid One Spade and raised South's Two Heart rebid to Three Hearts. South should have passed that - he has a minimum point-count, poor shape and many losers. But he advanced to Four Hearts. As West I led a spade. Declarer won in hand and led the jack of hearts, ducked all round. He played a second heart and Brian Senior (East) took the ace. How should he

South opened One Heart,

proceed? He saw that the defence had to cash at least three tricks in the minors: in addition, he could tell that I didn't have the ace and king of clubs, else I would have led one. So to get me to give count in diamonds, he played the king of diamonds.

On this I played the ten, indicating an even number of diamonds. Now East could see that we could cash only two tricks in diamonds, so he switched to the five of clubs. WORD-WATCHING

LOLLINGITE

b. A schismatic

MORPION

a. A crah

A buffoon scholar

c. An iron compound

b. A long-short-long foot

c. The God of Sleep

Declarer played low on this and I won with the queen. I cashed the ace of diamonds. and followed with the ace of clubs, and so the contract went two off. Senior told me that I should

have cashed the ace of clubs first after winning the queen of clubs, as I should know that that ace would stand up. The reason was that his play of the five of clubs could not have been from K 853 - from that he would have led the three. I countered by saying I was also sure the ace of diamonds wouldn't be ruffed - if South had a singleton, East would have had KQJ763; with that suit and the ace of hearts he would undoubtedly have bid over North's One Spade response. Searing logic, not tedious pip-watching. I loftily

informed him. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CRESS CORRESPONDENT

Political moves

On election day itself I conclude my series on politicians who play chess.

Amongst members of the House of Lords who are chess enthusiasts are the Marquess of Bath, Lord Winston, Lord Rennell and Lord Kilbracken. MPs from the last Parliament who are keen chess

players are Jeremy Hanley. Michael Stern, Sir Andrew Bowden, Bob Ainsworth and Gwilym Jones. One of the strongest players from the last House of Commons was Angela Eagle, who in the game today defeats Lord

White: Angela Eagle Black: Douglas Jay Lords v Commons 1993

Jay.

5 e4

15 Na4

Queen's Gambit Declined

2 c4 Be6 3 Nc3 CKC 4 N/3 Ca5 Ne6 7 Nove6 Nc7 8 . 8xc4 9 0-0 0-0-0 10 BH gS 11 . Be5 NIB 12 Qb3 13 Bxe8+ Nove6 14 Qxe6+ 1007

and, a pawn down with a poor position, Black resigns.

Ode

Former German President Richard von Weizsacker, Oxford-educated and 76 years old, is also a passionate chess player. Just a few weeks ago he came second in a politician's tournament in Berlin. In the following diagram pos-ition, Von Weizsacker (White) crushes the Berlin politician Andreas Apelt.

Diagram of final position

Euro moves

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White won with 1 Nf6+ Nxf6 2 QhS mate.

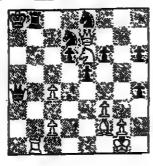
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Khalifman -Popov, St Petersburg 1997. Black's king has no free squares to move to - often the sign for an impending combination. How did White close the net here?

Solution on page 49



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4.10 (5) 1. BLUERIDGE DANCER PAI Echiery, 5-4 law; 2. Cornectis (G Carter, 50-1)* 2. Barretrigherm Blade (Mann Deyer, 12-1) ALSO RAN 2 Occas Verd 6(b), 13-2 Vax Rapote 12 Miquelon (4th), 33 Hockory (5th) 7 ram RR Migare, The Boy John 21, ris. ris. 21 4 B Micchan at Lambourn Toke \$2.20 \$1.40, \$7.30 OF \$37.20 Tiror \$59.20 CSF: \$2.29

4.40 (Im) 1. NWAAMIS (R His 11-8 ta.). 2. Crantote Corday Ri Hils, 10-1/-3. Cap Julius R Hughes, 3-1/- ALSO Rahir 9-2 Winter Romance (Hh), 8 Intesto (Shi, 5 rah NR Golden Aze Shird, 3, 71 hu J Dunton at Agundel Tote £2.30, 61-40, 52.80 DF 59.90 CSF 512-43 5.15 (Im.). I BROIL ICANTONS TURNATUL (T.

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5.15 (1m) 1 BROUGHTONS TURNIOIL 17 Sprake, 33-1), 2, Fernily Men ID Henrison, 12-11; 3 Ming Off Turnes (R Cochrane, 14-1), 4, Doctor Brevious 65 Faultiner £5-11 ALSO RANI 5-1 fav Ster Of Ring, 6 Imputave Art, 12 Sefey Ana Wireston, 14 Duelo, Thee Arch Bridge, Zuic, 60 Tame, Kingchip Boy, Mimost (6th), Missie Toe, Punish, Sepal, Sylvan Process (5th), Wires Settler, 25 O Factor, 33 Altahaal, Courting Denger, Kinschle, My Betoved, Phonetic, Sunz Tomado, 26 ran MR, Lead Him On, Lynton Lad 111, Ink, shiht, £1, 21. B Millinen at Cultompton Tote £54 30, £7 30, £4 10, £3 00, £14 10 DF, £506 60. Ther not son (pool of £2,77.25 camed toward to 4.30 et Redear today) CSF £339.93 Tricast £5.295 64. Jechpote net worm (pool of £31,173.67

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2.20 Jim Jil Indie J. INILLING TIME (D. J. Buchel), 11-8 kay 2. Nitramane (J. Hanis, 6-1); 3. Chill Heights (M. Griffits, 100-30). ALSO FART 7-2 Country Court (p.d. 14 Moor Ductor (j. 5 nar 71, 24. D. Burchell at Ebbie Vale, Total \$2.20; £1 60, £2.80 DF-15 60, CSF; (M.V.).



YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

2.55 km 21 hdiel 1, COLONEL BLAZER (J. F. Talley 2-5 lovit: 2, Blowing Rock kJ. Culloty, 7-1), 3, Footo Future gill. Fragorad (12-1), M.SO RNN 5Mir Calebraton (4Mi), 25 Looys First pout 5 ran 81, 70, 61 Miss Hhangh at Warriage Totes \$1.20, \$1.10, \$1.70 DF: \$2.00 CSF \$2.35 230 (2m. 71 110yd chr) 1. THUNDER ROAD LJ Calloty, 5-21, 2. Other Prince (Mr. R Thomson, 14-1), 3. Seechest 15 Burnough, 16-11 ALSO RAN 11-10 bar Spring To It turi, 7 Something Catchy (pu), 20 Dunlar turi, Rustic Fliphi (htm. 7 Jan. 41 6), 321 bless H Knight at Warnage Tote 52 70. 51 30, 05 70 DF 543 30 CSF 527 94 130, 65-70 Parts 30 CS 12734
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4.30 (2m 3f 110vd holler 1, MYSTNC MRL, LI
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(4th) 5 ran NR, Bell One \$1, 61, 62, hd R
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£1.40 DF £2.00 CSF £2.81

\$1.40 UF \$2.00 USF \$2.94 \$5.00 (\$25.25 holde) 1, GEISYWAY (#. Asspuru 9-4); 2, Saleszacker (P. Henley, B-1); 3. Piper's Rock (#. Butes, 13-8 lawi ALSO RAN, 5.19/prard's Fable (#h), 13-2 Contract Bridge (\$4h); 10-2 Contract Bri Placepot: \$88.90. Quadpot: \$14.10.

Plumpton

Going: good to limit, first in places on chase course 2.10 (2m 41 hote) 1. Circus Colours (S Fox. 3-1), 2. Peter Monamy (10-11 law), 3. Ewar Bold (20-1) 7 can 114, 1-31 J. Jennins. Tote 56-10, 12-70, 23-90 DF 54-90 CSF 514-81

2.45 (2m 4f hdlei 1, Persian Ellie (J Ostorre, 6-4 fast 2 Nordic Spree (8-1), 3 Ben Boaden (11-2) Gran 4f 1,1 C Egerton Tota 21 80, £1.30, £3.90 OF £7.50, CSF ETTES 3.280 (7m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Frazer falend (D O'Sulfison, 2.5 fazi, 2, Malysood Castle (F-2), 3, Dream Leader (9-2), 3 ran (B), dist R Rowe Tote CT 30 DF: 62.00 CSF 52.16 E11 23

52.16 (2m 11 hole) 1. There Arena (A P McCoy, 6-4) 2. Persan Dawn (50-1), 3. Satson (33-1) Threesock: 4-7 fav (pur 5 ran, 3) dast M Ppp Tole 52.10; £1.90 524.00 DF 620.90. CSF 536.39

4.20 (2m Si ch) 1, Linden's Lotto (J. Kavanagh, 4-1), 2, Cooleen Hero (11-4), 3. Paper Star (1-2), Stombal Pigron 9-4 tax 7 an NR Bazer Mormere 8, (g. 1) White Tota \$4.90 (2.70, 0.200 DF 05.00 CSF \$14.97 Tricks), \$37.99 4.50 (2m 4t hdle) 1, Alltime Dancer (3 Ostome, 5-4 lad, 2, Night in A Million (9-4) 3, Bigwheet Sit (7-1) 4 ran 11-4, 81 C Sheresond Toter £1.80 OF- £2.00 CSF

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Cheltenham Going: good to firm good in places

5.25 (2m 5l ch) 1, Visal Song (Mr G Matthess, 11-2), 2, Ardbrennen (7-1); 3, Clobracken Lad (20-1) Double Thriftor 6-5 fax. 10 ran. NR. A/s Box, Yquen. 4, 61, M Dore Tole 25-60; th 60, 22-00, 24-10 DF. £18 10. The £52-30 6.00 Gm 11 f 10yd ofg 1, Macs Millbrook, (Mr E Wildoms, 11-10 tog), 2, Glon Cosk (11-2); 3, Hill Island (15-8) 6 cm NR Highway Five 31, 24-1 D Goldsenottly Tota £1.90, £1.30, £2.20, DF: £3.80 CSF £5.40

Kelso Going: good to 5rm 5.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, American Hero (B Storey, 4-6 lavt; 2, Singing Sand (11-8) 3, Bold Account (14-1) 6 ran, 14, 25 (R Aban Tole: £1.80, £1.00, £1.90 (DF, £1.10, CSF, £1.80

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2.30 Komłucky 3.00 Always Lucky 4.00 Raed 4.30 Godmersham Park 5.00 Lady Sheriff

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 ALWAYS LUCKY.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

188 112) 9-9432 GOOD TRAFES 74 (CDLBF F.G.S.) (Mrs. D Roburston) C Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) BB Riacecard number: Down in brackets: So-Egure form & — fall P — pulled up U — incoated mode B — bought down S — sloped up R — reluced D — designathed) Horse's name Bays since last owing J if gards F if Not B — blinkers, V — noor H — bood C — Course women D — distance women CD — Savourate in latest races. Going on which house has wost (F — form, good to firm, hard G = good. S = soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets.Trainer Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance

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102	(22)	5045-00	AFRICAN SUN 5.1 IN Firster M Crepman 4-9-5 D O'Donobine (3)	_
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105			RSIOSTAR 6 (B) (C Statum) M Dect. 4-9-5 C Teague (3)	75
106	135	D00308-	HARVEST REAPER 157 (J Hamps) J L Hartis 5-3-5 . D McKepiern	81
197	(58	326-605	MILETRIAN CITY 31 (8 D.F.) (Maleman) J Reny 4-9-5 P Bradley (7)	92
106	(23)	00:0625-	MOVE SMARTLY 315 (V.CO.F) Live L Shiebs 7-9-5 R Firench (5)	80
109	(13)	4600-40	MUBARIZ 15 (1 Gourley) C Snath 5-9-6 W J O'Cormon	89
110	(17)	D40500-	ORIEL LAD 160 (D.F.S.) (Mr. C. Cautey: E Incusa 4-9-5 Kim Timbler	95
111		640066	SPANISH STRIPPER 9 (C.F.) (T. Salchell) M. Chapman E-9-5 . P. Fessey (5)	89
112		0/00:00-	WILD PROSPECT 164 (D.F.B.S) (G Dycon) A Railey 9-9-5 . M Birch	_
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114		30400-0	DISPOL DIAMOND 31 (W Imisen) G Oldrevel 4-9-0 R. Darley	98
115		046-000	KOMEDCKY 13 (V.D.F.G.) Plambleton Lodge) A Multipliand 5-9-0 J Quant	21
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117	CO	000/00-0	OKAY BABY 23 (F) (J Bradley) J Pradley 5-9-0 M Roberts	_
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3.30 PAT PHOENIX HANDICAP

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301	(8)	000112/	HOPMAX LAD 628 (D.F.C) (Nas 8 Taylor) M Maste 9-9-11 . R Havin (31 -
302	(10)	51500-1	BRANELES WAY 19J (B.C.F.) (N.Jones) Mrs. M Revoley 8-9-8 S Copp (5	5) 🗓
315	(3)	332312-	NEEP SATTLING 313 (D.F) (J Goldie) J Goldie 7-9-4 J Quin	n 94
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305	(2)	300-000	GFTBOX 21 (6,3) (6 Alleon) N Bycrob 5-8-10 D Mickeyw	m 94
306	(5)		COTTAGE PRINCE 26 (Mrs. k Thomas) J Quant 4-8-9 J Fortun	E 91
307	(6)	63334-6	MCSALLYCUDDY REEKS 7 (F) (E Incisa) E Incisa 6-8-8 With Tirela	or 87
306	(4)	6010-00	TABATAY 22 (P) (M Glesson) M Camacho 4-8-3 L Chemoc	1 9
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3	(II)	8-5	BROAD RIVER 16 (M at-Maltourn) E Ounigo 3-8-12 D O'Donohoe (3)	
•	(3)	80-	DIGITAL OPTION 205 (P Loorand) Mrs J Ramsdon 3-8-12 . M Deerito	
5	(4)		HEUBACH BOY (IL Phillion) Fas A Symptomic 3-8-12 W.J. O'Compos	-
5	(c)		MAKATI (H Roberts) M Carracho 3-8-12 L Charnock	- 1
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4.30 PARTY POLITICS APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP

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ı	501	241	6300-04	GODMERSHAM PARIX 13 (H Homby) P Felgale 5-10-0 . Digital Williams (5)
ı	502	(3)		ADVANCE EAST 47J (V) IA Month M Dock, 5-9-5 . P Fredericks
ì	583	21 8 N	D40P-3	CAPLYS QUEST 10 (1 thatms Ltd) 1 Newlis 3-8-11 R Cody-Boutcher
1	504	(12)	4/460-30	WHOTHERELLISHARRY 24 (V) (I.Jr., J Martin) P Dalton 4-5-10 R Brisland
ı	505	(4)	624064	JACK THE LAD 6 fk West Pircy J Hetherton 3-8-9 . T Selected
ı	586	ង្វេ		STOLEN MUSIC 13 (P Carlmell) R Barr 4-8-9 D Memann
ı	507	(16)		SING AND DANCE 13 (Mrs 1) Hapter) E Weymes 4-8-8 R Winston
ı	506	115		BLAZE OF CAL 10 (E Hoyeard) J Bradity 6-8-8 J Fronte
1	589	(11)		BALLET DE COUR 15 (R and R Pars) T Etherington 4-8-3 . C Lowthor
1	510	(1)		KINGDOM EMPEROR 22 (Air: 5 Camacho) M Carracho 3-8-3 D Hayden (5)
ı	511	(13)		GROVEFAIR LAD 189 (D Games) M Hano 3-9-3 . J McAultry
ı	515	(1)		MISTER JAY 20 (Mrs H Festrick) P Wahrim 3-6-1 6 Harmon
ı	513	南		SEVERN MELL 37 IE Hayeard) J Bradley 5-7-13 D Young (5)
ı	514	(14)		GOLLACCIA 190 (Mr. H Calani) 6 Moore 3-7-12
ı	515	(2)		MUKUD 17 (V) (R Cook) 6 Oknoyd 5-7-12
1	SIE	(3)	404/00-D	THE BLACK DUBH 26 (Bowler, Rapage) / Dante 4-7-10 N Polland

FORM	FOCUS
RLYS OLEST two necks 3rd of 15 to Safey Ana- humdrap at Burghton (1m., lirm) DTHEHEQLYSHARRY 41 3rd of 13 to Satest in more at Southwell (AW, 1m) on percubinate start. CK THE LAD 63rd and head 4th of 8 to Late- ter in landicap at Cartisle f1m 41, good). SNG D DANCE best elsort for term 41 3rd of 18 to mino Flyer in handicap at Newcastle (1m. 21.	good). BLAZE OF OAK about 6941 4th of 18 Reseyel in ladies handicap at Notingham /im : good to firm). GNRSDOM EMPEROR head 2nd of 11 to the James in handicap at Ripon (Im 3, good to firm MISTER JAY 111 76 of 9 to Boatel in handicap Bughton (Im firm).

5.00 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FILLIES HANDICAP

601	Be	80-5312	IORA 22 (CD,8F,F,6) (J Wilson) J Eyre 7-9-12	1 8
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503	(5)		TOME TO TANGO 22 (D.F.) (Mr. D Pearson) 6 Moore 4-9-3 . J. F. Egan	9
EB4	145		LADY SHERREF 14 (B.D.F.G) (5 Libragan) M W Eacledry 6-9-1 . G Parlon (5)	6
F35	(A)	332100-	CATEY 222 (D.F.B.) (R darmetr) Mrs. J Parresten 4-9-0 J Fortenz	9
606	B	31400-0	PHARAOH'S JOY 21 (O.F.) (Pyramid Raong): J Payre 4-9-7 R Cochrane	q
507	(1)	00/W	CINDERS GIRL 1308J (Rds J exspecty) Was M Reveloy 7-8-4 T Williams	
686	(III)	5065-05	BOLLIN DOROTHY 8 (S) (Lasty Westbrook) T Easterby 4-8-1 L Charmock	9
609	195	565204	AMOEBA 309 (6) (Mas F Williams) A Bailey 4-7-13	9
610	(6)	123205-	PATHAZE 241 (D.F) (N Warrner) N Bycroti 4-7-12 J Brazzluli (5)	9
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FORM FOCUS

KIRA 13e1 2nd of 18 to French Gett at handicap at Ripon (61 good to farm) with TDME YO TANGO (3to bedter off) 3341 7th.
ANTORIAS CHOOCE beat Swift Relucat 31 in 7-tunner maken at Chester (51 good) LADY SNER-FF 5341 7th of 19 to Johanno in apprentice handicap at Ripon (51, good to farm) OATEV best effort last form beat Asiar reck in 12-tunner band-

Long handicap: The Black Duch 7-9

cap at Thirds (5), good) with NIRA 1151 and PHA-RADH'S JOY 151 14th of 16 to Summerable Veloci in application bandicap at Folkestone (6), good to farm) BOLLIN DOROTHY about 11 5th of 14 to Johayro in apprentice race at Carlenck (6), good) PATHAZE about 41 5th of 8 to Natural key in handicap of Hamstron(6), good) Selection, KIRA COURSE SPECIALISTS

THANKERS *********

Unbeaten Barnett sees off holders

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Derbyshire (2pts) beat Lancashire by six

IT WOULD probably do Lancashire a world of good if they failed to make the knockout stages of the Benson and Hedges Cup. They know more about Lord's finals than anybody, so the disappointment should not burt them, and a few early-season defeats might persuade them to concentrate on the championship, which they have neglected.

After their second defeat in successive days, they will do well to qualify from what is the strongest group. Derby-shire, by contrast, have an excellent chance of reaching the quarter-finals of a competition that they won in 1993. when they beat Lancashire in the final. They play their last three group matches at Derby and, after the travelling that they have done at the start of the season, they will be happy to return there.

Kim Barnett, who lives and breathes the spirit of Derbyaward for his line innings of 112 not out. Derbyshire wobbled slightly in mid-innings. when Khan drove a return catch to Gallian and Clarke sought a risky second run on Lloyd's throw from the cover boundary, but Barnett and Krikken saw their side to victory with an unbroken stand of 88 in 13 overs. Krikken, a perky little cricketer, played very well, too, for his unbeaten 42.

Barnett's century, his fourth in the competition, was his 1994. It came from 136 balls and featured nine boundaries. many of them driven with that familiar free swing through cover. He got the innings off to a handsome start with Adams and, even though Jones fell to Green. Barnett never gave a hint of vulnerability. Lancashire pulled things back a bit, but their batsmen did not give them enough runs to defend.

Although they were without Watkinson, Chapple and Wasim Akram, they cannot offer those absences as an day, was not the quickest, but took it nice and low.



Austin, the Lancashire No 8, works Roberts to leg during the Benson and Hedges Cup match at Old Trafford yesterday. Photograph: Barry Greenwood

there was no excuse either for being bowled out for 223 or for leaving six overs unused.

To get as many as they did. Lancashire had to stage something of a rally. After Atherton won the toss, they tossed away three wickets inside the first three overs and the innings appeared to lie in ruins at 29 prived of Cork and chose to run DeFreitas to third man rest Malcolm. The pitch, used and instead gave a catch to second slip where Adams. who has a good pair of hands,

bring some comph to the early proceedings by tinkering with the batting order did not succeed. Flintoff, the England Under-19 captain, went in the

first over, caught at the wicket off DeFreitas. In the next over, Hegg was leg-before as he tried to work a Harris through mid-wicket. Then, Atherton and Crawley, two Test batsmen, conspired to donate a wicket through a gormless run-out.

Yet again, an attempt to Crawley, committed to the run, departed an unhappy

DeFreitas, enjoying his re-turn to the ground where he played for five years, has started the season in wickettaking form and bowlers will always want to impress the England captain, whoever he know that David Lloyd, the England coach, was on the ground and, although there is a tendency to bump people up Atherion called and stalled; at the start of an Ashes added 93 in 15 overs.

that good performances put down markers.

He began to lose his edge a bit when Fairbrother came in. Possibly, DeFreitas was striving too hard to take his wicket. because he began to bowl a shorter length and a more tolerant line, giving Fairneeded to clout a few balls to the fence. Together with Gallian, who made an unusu-

Derbyshire gave a debut to Ian Blackwell, 18, a left-arm spinner, who bore the brunt of fierce punishment Glenn Roberts, another slow left-armer, was more successful and, by fooling Gallian and Fairbrother with fulllength balls, and snaring Austin, he played a full part in afraid to give unproven players their head, and that is to be commended. They play York-

Eventually, Adam Hollioake and Chris Lewis were left seeking 79 off

was backing up.
Butcher, with a runner, reduced the target to three off the last over before perishing to the first ball, caught at mid-off, before Ian Salisbury drove the second ball straight to

Essex recover from turmoil of own making

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

LORD'S (Essex won the toss): Essex (2pts) beat Middlesex

IT IS a good many years since Middlesex enjoyed a run in the Benson and Hedges Cup and a curious set of circumstances is required to permit this year. After their embarrassment in Dublin, however, they will consider that this thrilling, last-ball defeat by Essex represents something of a revival

ne, in which Middlesex did not begin to compete until the last ten overs. Essex, apparently cruising suddenly and dramatically lost their poise when in sight of the winning post. Half-an-hour of gormless cricket, in which they forgot the basic disciplines of a run chase, almost presented Middlesez with a quite outlandish victory.

Requiring only 221 on a decent April surface. Essex were 133 for two at the midway point and, after 40 overs, needed only 40 more runs with seven wickets in tact. Somehow, they managed to embrace the possibility of defeat. The last over began with five still needed and two run-outs ensued before Ashley Cowan and Peter Such, the last pair, desperately scrambled two from the final bail thanks to a slight but decisive misfield at long-off. It was a mockery of what had gone before. Middlesex put out an unfamiliar side and played unconvincing good as lost. The spilling of iwo straightforward chance was indicative of a lack of confidence and, until the parsimony of their spinners, and two wickets in two balls for the recalled Richard Johnson, caused Essex to panic, this was a thoroughly one-sided

Essex for the most part. had looked a side in irrepresslimited-overs win in four days and they should proceed to the quarter-finals with comfort. Mark llott, bowling rhythmically to a sensible full length, led the attack impressively, and the modest target of 227 should have presented few difficulties to a batting order in which Ronnie Irani must consider himself indestructible.

Irani was a peripheral figare on his first England tour last winter, but, with a remodelled stance, but waving and head at a craning angle reminiscent of Graham Gooch at his most unconventional, he has begun the new season prolifically. Scores of 49 and 123 not out in the championship have been followed by 48, 82 not out and 45,

yesterday, in one-day games. The self-sabotage of the Essex innings occurred when Irani was starved of the strike during an inept innings by efforts should not he Darren Robinson. Only on even nearly enough.

Robinson's dismissad could Irani retake the bowling and then, facing only his sixth ball in five overs, he showed his frustration by hitting a full toss to mid-on.

The chanting of Irani's name, emanating from the Mound Stand, indicated a sizeable Essex contingent in the shirtsleeved crowd and they will have enjoyed the day despite its inconveniences Lord's did not seem entirely ready to begin its season, with even elderly members being turned away from a car park full of construction workers, much of the ground closed to spectators and the main scoreboard declining to function until the first innings was half

Middlesex had reacted to their Irish indignities by promoting the South African-born Scott Moffat, 24, and giving a debut to lan Blanchett, 21. Neither will remember the day fondly.



Moffat, sent in first as the county mark time waiting for the arrival of Jacques Kallis. did not fare quite so badly as on his first-class debut last season, when he was out first ball against Oxford University, but, as he fell to the third beseeching appeal for leg- € before by Bott, it might be said that he was fortunate to make as many as two.

The substance of the Middiesex total was provided by a fluent third-wicket stand of 84 in 20 overs between Weekes and Ramprakash.

For as long as they were together, Middlesex looked bound for something far more formidable, but, when Such extracted Weekes and Gatting, and Ramprakash, on 77, missed Grayson's slower ball, only Pooley sustained them. His efforts should not have been

Handicapped Surrey prove equal to tall target

RRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Gloucestershire by

WHEN Alec Stewart had to retire with a damaged left hand, Mark Butcher crashed into the boards and Gloucestershire rolled up an impressive 280, Surrey, already derided as charlatans, seemed doomed to a rapid departure from the Benson and Hedges Cup after a second zonal

Stewart has a bruised little finger and will stand down from tomorrow's match against British Universities, Butcher a strained groin, but Surrey's powerful tail, led by Chris

with four balls to spare. These charlatans could yet be champions. Two fire alarms interrupted a flawless day of sun and blue sky. Fire engines arrived before play started and a later warning — rumoured to be a security alert — brought an evacuation of the payilion. The truth was more prosaic; there was a fault

in the new alarm system. Mark Alleyne's satisfaction at batting first on a flat pitch was depleted by the departure of Monte Lynch in the second over, the victim of a spikey but unlucky opening spell by Lewis. the only bowler on either side to win both vertical and lateral movement

with the new ball. Lynch's early departure did enable

Rob Cunliffe to fashion a significant innings, full of meaty drives and pulls. He raised 51 out of 87 for two atid when he was joined by the equally beligerent Shaun Young. Gloucestershire blossomed. Young, starting without a helmet, should have been caught at deep mid-wicket when 31 off the Sundy captain, but Lewis, running from deep midwicket, spilt the ball. The third wicket raised 169, a new county record for this competition.

Young was yorked at 196, but Cunliffe was well supported by the later batsmen until his brave effort ended at 239, when he pulled a hamstring and was run out attempting a third. Stewart's absence, from the 31st over, contributed to a total of 37 extras, Nadim Shahid, his deputy, suffering in the late helter-skelter.

Surrey had to revise their order. but Alastair Brown and Stewart reduced the crowd to near-silence by taking 48 off the first seven overs. Brown drove eight fours in his first 40, including three off successive balls from Jonathan Lewis. Not all his shots ended where intended, but, while he was at the wicket, Surrey were heading for an easy victory.

Stewart, driving hard, was taken brilliantly at short mid-off; Brown's audacious effort ended, ironically, when he played defensively; Ben Hollioake, dropped when 16, was given out, unhappy, stumped, after a flat-footed Graham Thorpe had

the last ten overs against an attack short of penetration and variety. The target had been reduced to 39, off six, when Lewis drove his namesake back furiously, the bowler stuck out his hand and ran out Hollioake who

the boundary. The unbeaten Chris Lewis had to

concede the gold award to Cunliffe. but still managed to look, with bat and ball, if briefly, England's most accomplished all-rounder.

Sri Lanka's hopes Maddy's onslaught sets up dashed by Salim Leicestershire triumph

SALIM MALIK, the former Pakistan captain, hit his fifteenth Test century to ensure a draw in the second Test match against Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club in Colombo yesterday. The first match of the two-Test series was also Saklim, 34, who was play-

ing in his 96th Test, scored 155 before Pakistan ended the final day at 285 for five. after being set a daunting target of 426 for victory in 121 overs. A model of concentration, he batted for 5hr 38min, faced 240 balls and He and his brother-in-

law, Ijaz Ahmed, who made a painstaking 47 in 4hr 25min with a six and seven fours, put on 127 for the third wicket. They had picked up the innings with Pakistan struggling at 28 for two, but batted soundly throughout the morning, although only 55 runs were added during the 29 overs bowled during

the session. When I jaz was dismissed, Inzamam-ul-Haq joined Salim and the pair immediately raised the tempo, the fourth-wicket producing 121 runs in 100 minutes. Inzamam, playing fluently all round the wicket, completed his half-century before bad light ended play.

bowlers in their attempts to dislodge Salim, who was the beneficiary of three dropped catches. He was missed first on 44 by Ruwan Kalpage. who spilled a return catch off his own off-spin bowling. Jayantha Silva gave him another life at extra cover at 58 and then the Sri Lanka captain, Ariuna Ranatunga, dropped him at 135 in Chaminda Vaas's first over with the second new ball. liaz, too, was missed at by Vans at long-off Sri Lanka needed to hold their chances to have any chance of forcing a win. for the pitch offered hardly any encouragement to their

Sri Lanka used seven

Aravinda de Sîlva, of Sri Lanka. was named man of the match for the unprecedented feat of scoring an unbeaten century in each innings. De Silva was also named man of the series. having scored an aggregate of 432 runs at an average of

Ranatunga paid tribute to both Pakistan and Salim for preventing his team gaining what would have been only their second victory over Pakistan on home soil, "Salim and liaz took the game away from us. I think Pakistan played very well on the last day," he said.

LEICESTER (Nottinghamshire won toss): Leicestershire

DARREN MADDY sent the Leicestershire running fox off to such a flying start that even though James Whitaker pulled a muscle in his side when batting and took no further part, and even though Mathew Dowman and Paul Johnson put on 79 in nine overs for the Nottinghamshire third wicket, there was pre-cious little chance of being taken over. By the time Maddy and Wells had mustered 122 from 18 overs for Leicestershire's second wicket early in the day, the hunt was all but finished.

(2pts) beat Nottinghamshire

Maddy has enjoyed a spark-ling spell. Already this season, he had made 80 against Gloucestershire in the championship and 36 for the Rest against England A. On Monday, his Benson and Hedges contribution was 97 from 98 balis. Yesterday, he made a dazzling 101 from 93 balls, with a six and 12 fours.

This made him a natural choice for his second gold award in a week and ensured that Leicestershire had only to bowl reasonably well to retain their victorious record in the 1997 competition. What with Vince Wells contributing 70 from 68 balls — his highest

score in this competion — Nottinghamshire's bowlers were made to look not only less than lethal, but positively Kevin Evans was a notable

exception, but even he, bowling at the height of the Maddy-Wells onslaught, went for six an over. When Leicestershire faltered in mid-innings, losing four wickets for 33 runs, Nottinghamshire, on win-Jonathan Dakin set about the bowling to ensure a formida-ble total. He also played a big hand in the Nottinghamshire demise by catching both Johnson and Dowman, who played quite beautifully, and picking up a couple of wickets. A fair hand was also played by Leicestershire's latest recruit, their overseas player.

By JACK BAILEY

shire third-wicket pair, only Noel Gie presented any air of permanence. Yet lasting qualities were not enough to do other than prolong proceedings, as wickets were gradualshire kept a firm grip and the end came with Nottinghamshire inevitably well short of their target.

Maddy: sparkling spell

Neil Johnson. The tall South African has just finished a heavy season in South Africa. He stepped off the plane at Heathrow at 7am yesterday, arrived at Leicester just in time to get changed and limber up, thankful that

ning the toss, had chosen to field. Johnson survived only six balls, a trimmer from Evans flicking his off bail, but it is as an all-rounder that he is employed and both in the field and with the ball he looked impressive, making the ball rise steeply from just short of a ength. Dowman and Johnson were scalps to be proud of, so well were they playing in the only partnership that threat-

med to take the match Not-Apart from the Nottinghamwhittled away. Leicester-

The knowledge that Leicestershire are playing as though they have retained last year's winning habit sent the goodly crowd home happily contemplating the future.

Small's pace too hot for part-timers to handle

BY RICHARD HORSON

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat the Minor Counties by

THERE can be no happier sight for a batsman than of Alian Donald taking his sweater and retiring from the attack. Steve Dean appeared a liberated man when he greeted the introduction of Gladstone Small with a nonchalant pull over midwicket. That single stroke did not, in

itself, alter the likelihood of a defeat for the Minor Counties in this Benson and Hedges zonal game, but few would have identified their executioner as Small. The chastened bowler recovered his poise, struck an appropriate length in propicious conditions and, at the age of 35, returned his best figures in the competition of five for 23.

Those wickets were claimed during a spell of 14 deliveries timers to 41 for seven, thus thrusting him forward as a valid recipient of the gold award. Only the resilience of Mark Fell, the captain, watching his colleague perish from the non-striker's end, gave the Minor Counties score respect-

It is five years since Small last appeared in a one-day international. For his county, however, he remains a trusty.

performer. Indeed, he is particularly valuable at present because Tim Munton, the captain, is unlikely to play until July because of a back problem and is expected to undergo surgery next week. Munton would have en-

joyed bowling yesterday even at less than full fitness. The ball swung sufficiently for most of the day, while a green tinge to the pitch aided lateral movement. The Warwickshire total of 261 for seven is deceptive because only Trevor Penny, of their top order, batted with fluency. Neal Radford and Marcus

Sharp used the new ball wisely, but although Dalton and Fell claimed five wickets



Small: best figures

lacked the flexibility to counter the improvisation that has become a feature of Warwickshire's batting in all cricket. Dougie Brown completed a

maiden half-century before being caught at deep cover to leave the home side on 169-5 in the 39th over, but, in the remaining eleven overs. Penny and Ashley Giles in particular took a hold of the attack to give the eventual total an appearance of security.

With just two overs gone. the Minor Counties lost Wayne Larkins, potentially their most incendiary source of runs. The former England opener, now with Bedford-shire, went back to Donald. but played the ball on to his stumps. The sight of Larkins hooking and cutting Donald really would have been worth watching on a hot afternoon. but instead he became a spectator himself as Small

took the ball. Cockbain fenced to slip in his first over, Dean was adand, within four balls of his judged leg-before in his second third, Small breached the defences of Laudat and Nicholson before tempting an edge from Dalton.

Two days after exploiting a moist surface to dismiss Worcestershire for 96. Warwickshire eventually scuttled the Minor Counties for just ten runs more.

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MATTHEW FLEMING is bringing a whole new meaning to the term "military medium". It is normally used to describe howling of honest intent but no great pace or guile. Fleming, a former officer in the Royal Green Jackets, is changing the definition with his exploits in this season's Benson and

Hedges Cup.
He has always been an up and at em sort of cricketer, but he has never had the firepower to trouble good batsmen. Thus he has had to devise a more subtle way of getting them out and yesterday he added figures of five for 27 to the five for 54 he took against Surrey at the Oval on Monday.

finals, but they still only just got the better of Hampshire on a pitch where the ball came so slowly onto the bat

that strokeplay was always hazardous. In the end. Kent were indebted to Matthew Walker, their tubby little opening batsman, who held the innings together with his third halfcentury in as many one-day matches this season. By the time he was sixth out for 83, made from 106 balls, he seemed to have lost so much poundage that we may soon have to stop making cracks about his weight,

First, however, we must return to Fleming who may look innocuous enough with his bustling run and slingy action but took more wickets -29 - than anyone else in the Sunday

breakthrough when he bowled Lanev off an inside edge and Strang, wisely introduced as early as the tenth over, had already troubled Smith with his leg spin.

But it was Fleming who really undermined Hampshire. In his first spell, he had Smith leg-before, haif forward, and bowled Stephenson with one which nipped back; in his second. he had Kendall caught low down in the gulley: in his third, he yorked Whitaker and in his fourth he had Milburn beautifully caught by Ealham on the long-on boundary.

In between times, Strang had removed Hayden, whose struggle through 34 overs for 48 with only three fours bore testimony to the difficulty of stupendous one-handed return catch to remove Armes, so that Kent needed

Fleming soon carved Renshaw to backward point, after firing off three quick boundaries, but it looked straightforward enough when Walker and Ward were adding 61 in ten overs. Most of them came from Ward with crisp shots all round the wicket. Yet just when it all seemed to be going so well Renshaw completed an impressive opening spell by deceiving Ward with a slower ball.

Then it all began to go wrong for Kent. Stephenson, who had Wells brilliantly stumped down the leg side by Aymes, and Udal stifled the middle order and it was just as well for them that Llong was so assured in a sixth wicker stand of 72 in 12 overs with

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

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Brown gets in swing for rare win by Durham

BY SIMON WILDE

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Northamptonshire won toss): Durham (2pts) beat Northamptonshire by 64 runs

IT may not be the beginning of the end, or even the end of the beginning, but it is certainly a start. Durham won a cricket match yesterday and that does not happen very often. Indeed, they last overcame county opposition in July last year, when they beat Essex in a 40over match at Hartlepool, their only such success of a miserable summer.

In addition, they thoroughly deserved to win this Benson and Hedges Cup group match, giving their long-suf-fering supporters - 2,000 of whom turned out — the fillip they needed in the first home match of the season. Two wins in 43 games may not be much to shout about, but it is better

than one in 42. It would be wrong to underestimate the contribution of the new Durham captain, David Boon, who scored his first century for the club and has begun the process of belief, but there was only one hero — Simon Brown, who ripped the heart out of the Northamptonshire's innings with a superb exhibition of swing bowling. His figures of six for 30 were the best by a

Durham bowler in the compe-Maintaining an immaculate off-stump line that has often eluded him of late, he gave the Northamptonshire innings a sensational start by snatching three wickets in four balls in his first two overs to leave last year's beaten finalists reeling at three for three. Loye was leg-before - a decision he seemingly did not like - Capel smartly caught at gully and Curran bowled leg

inswinger. He later returned at a crucial stage, with Northamptonshire 136 for five, requiring 90 from the last 12 overs. With his first legitimate ball — he began with a wide - he claimed the all-important wicket of Bailey with another superb inswinger.

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With Bailey, who scored 62 from 104 balls, Northampton-

they were beaten by 141 runs

yesterday by Somerset, who

were by no means at their.

best. It was not a good

advertisement for English

The toss should have been

decisive, because, in the first

half of the day, the ball swung

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shire's hopes effectively per-ished and their last four wickets fell in five overs: Appropriately, the last of them Mohammad Akram, who drove a return catch - fell to Brown, who threw the ball high into the air to launch emotional celebrations.

Brown completed two others catches, one of them well taken on the run to remove Walton, whose 28 was the only other Northamptonshire innings of substance. Ironically, Brown began his professional career at Northampton, as did Walker, who dismissed Penberthy to break a fourthwicket partnership of 50, the highest of the innings.

It was the first time Brown had been on the winning side in a competitive match since September 1995, as he missed the victory over Essex. He was playing in a Test match for England at Lord's, where they were beaten by Pakistan.

The result was all the more 'creditable as Betts was harnpered by a bruised ankle. He hobbled through five overs, Collingwood supplying the amends for what had looked an expensive miss by dropping Bailey on 21.

Northamptonshire sorely missed Warren, who has a tractured index finger. His deputy behind the stumps, Ripley, made a costly error in dropping Boon on 49 off Capel. It was the only glimmer of a chance the Australian made as he pulled the Durham innings round from the parlous state of 25 for two.

While he and Lewis were putting on 103 together progress was slow but it gathered pace hectically when he was joined by Speight, who played his best and most inventive innings for his new county. He even encouraged Boon to attempt a reverse sweep - it cost him his wicket. Durham are now in the

rarified position of entering May still in contention for the Benson and Hedges Cup. Tomorrow they play Scotland in Forfar and if they win there, and against Leicestershire on Monday, they will be guaranteed a quarter-final place, something they have never achieved before.



Youthful exuberance foils Sussex

By Ivo Tennant

FENNER'S (British Universities won toss): British Universities (4pts) beat Sussex by 19

IT IS ten years since British Universities were formed to take part in the Benson and Hedges Cup. They have gained only three victories since, the last of these coming against Yorkshire in 1990. Yesterday they added a fourth, which was merited for the sheer zest of their bowling and, in particular, their fielding. Sussex, who needed 218 to win - no great score - simply lost too many wickets in too few overs. Mark Chilton, a medium-pacer from Durham University, finished with five for 26 and the gold award.

The Universities trawl their players from a wider area

now that they can encompass

the old polytechnics. South

Bank was represented yester-

day. Yet this was still some achievement, for Sussex included players whose experience of limited-overs cricket goes back to the 1970s. None of them contributed a great deal here, vanquished, as they

were, by youth. To what extent Sussex have been affected by the upheavals off the field at Hove as opposed to the loss of numerous decent players is hard to gauge. This continues. They are in the process of sorting out financial arrangements with Nigel Bett, their departed secretary, and have also lost their librarian.

For quite a while vesterday, Sussex were not countenancing defeat. In the morning Smith and Hodgson, the Uni versities openers, took 28 overs to put on 87. Time was when this would have been a decent start to an innines in this competition, at least when there were 55 overs in which to bat, but not now.

Smith spent 86 balls making 43. Hodgson, like Chilton, from Durham, took 81 balls to compile 41. After Newell held a stunning left-handed catch at mid-off that broke the partnership, nobody stayed in long enough. Drakes beat Smith for pace and Taylor caught House at deep square

leg with marked agility for one approaching middle-age.
A target of 218 appeared straightforward enough, for the pitch was easy-paced. Tactically, though, Sussex were muddled. Moores sent Drakes in first to hit the ball in the manner expected of a West Indian, but he batted too conventionally for that Although he made the only halfcentury of the match, and it included seven fours, this took him 34 overs and he was dropped twice off skiers. Other than that, the fielding

was held at square leg off Wagh. Lenham was brilliantly run out by a direct hit from House, who had only one stump at which to aim. Jones, who knows this square, had a tight spell, as for that matter did Rashid, who eventually had Drakes caught off a skier

in the deep. Indeed, there was no shortage of miscued drives and sweeps. When Athey sent up a steepler that was taken by the wicketkeeper. Sussex were five wickets down and in some trouble. With five overs remaining, they needed a further 41. Newell was legbefore to Chilton, Jarvis was held at long on and Phillips yorked by Martin-Jenkins. Two overs left, 21 needed. First Moores and then Khan swung Chilton to deep square leg, where Rashid unerringly judged the catches. It was a victory deserving of a much bigger crowd.

was pretty sharp. Taylor, the very batsman who could shepherd Sussex to victory.

Newport sways the issue

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

after Darren Gough's inswing had dispatched Steve Rhodes with the third ball and Graeme Hick, with bat lamentably away from body, was bowled off stump by Chris Silverwood, were restricted to

It foreshadowed a batting struggle that lasted until the shadows lengthened and Yorkshire required 23 off the final over, a task beyond them. Richard Stemp bowled steadily, Gough, armed with

the new ball, was challenging, but Newport used all his experience with a teasing line to dismiss Martyn Movon. leg-before with a full-length ball, Lehmann and finally White and Richard Blakey as the absorbing pursuit of quick runs ensued. Brinkley and Lampitt had

squeezed Yorkshire's fourthwicket pair, Anthony Me-Grath and Michael Vaughan. with the mid-innings economy that tipped the game, along with the thrust of Newport. Gavin Havnes, bowling his ten overs in one spell, also confirmed his recovery from the knee injury that enforced

his absence throughout last season. With most eyes focused on

Lehmann, 27, the inevitable outcome on such an occasion was anticlimax. When driving loosely and edging into his stumps. Lehmann had made nine from four scoring strokes. Lehmann will have problems adjusting to surfaces

Harrogate and Middlesbrough, now sad absentees from the first-class list, have produced better Yorkshire The sum total of Lehmann's first-class batting experience

such as this. In recent times,

in England is two innings for Victoria, in which he totalled 23 runs, against Essex at Chelmsford. With no English league experience, either. Lehmann swiftly needs to superimpose

his latent talent on these alien conditions. At least the riddle of his debut date was solved. after his recovery from the broken thumb sustained during South Australia's final game in early March. For him, things can only get

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DERBYSHIRE

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Lathwell rescues Somerset

By JOHN THICKNESSE

and bowled and Morris lost TALINTON (Glamorgan won his off stump artempting a toss): Somerset (2pts) beat full-blooded drive. By the Glamorgan by 141 runs tenth over, when Maynard and Cottey were caught off successive balls from Caddick, GLAMORGAN'S impressive county championship form they were 37 for four and against Warwickshire last playing like a team that feared week has deserted them in the worst. It was their second their opening Benson and defeat in three days and Hedges Cup games. Bowling. probably fatal to their chances catching and batting ineptly,

of a quarter-final place, Mark Lathwell, the gold award-winner, hit some superb shots in his 80-bail 77, none better than when he came-down the pitch to Cosker, the Glamorgan slow left armer, and found what appeared to be the only angle between a short, straightish extra cover and wide long-off through which the ball could pass for four.

Overall, though, there was

line and length, however, and more scrappy cricket than Somerset, helped by five missed catches, reached 258 good. Glamorgan's flaws were the costlier, Lathwell and for nine, despite each of their Harden each surviving a first three batsmen making a straightforward chance in the early stages of their stand of 133, and Lathwell being given Conditions eased later. though there was still moveanother life at 24. ment for the seamers. With a solid start. Glamorgan could

Somerset were not faultless. however. It made little sense, for instance, for them, having been put in on a pitch that their coach and captain must have known would help the seamers, to stick to their plan of opening with two middleorder hitters. Rose and Burns, rather than reverting to two experienced openers, in Lathwell and Bowler.

Considering that Rose fell to Watkin's first ball, bowled off the inside edge from an ambitious attempt to hit a back-foot forcing shot past cover. Somerset might have settled for a 15-over score of 64 for three. Had Lathwell and Bowler opened, though, they could well have made the same number of runs for the loss of fewer wickets, a rate of four runs an over being a poor return against bowlers re-

stricted to two outfielders. Thanks to the missed chances, Somerset got away with it, even though, by making only 56 off the last ten overs, they fell 20 or more short of the score they had in their sights. Only Ecclestone was out playing a defensive stroke, legbefore to Dale, after effortlessly lobbing him 30 yards into St James's graveyard in the previ-

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire been reeling at eight for two

won toss): Worcestershire

BOWLERS dictated to subservient batsmen at Headingley yesterday on a slow pitch barely suitable for any kind of cricket, least of all the one-day variety. Phil Newport, at least, relished it, returning figures of four for 37, including the wicket of Darren Lehmann, Yorkshire's Australian newcomer, to take the gold award.

A week in politics may be a long time, but a couple of days seemed like light years for Yorkshire, jubilant winners at Old Trafford, and Worcestershire, rolled over for 96 by Warwickshire on Monday. When it came to "muck-or-

nettles" time, in northern parlance, Yorkshire fell into one and were stung by the other. The Worcestershire outfielders matched their bowlers' nagging authority and Stuart Lampitt and James Brinkley. helping to produce 19 runs from Craig White's final over of the first innings, assumed

(2pts) beat Yorkshire by 12 199 for nine.

massive importance. Worcestershire who had

Northern Ireland see onslaught come to nought

Northern Ireland0

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NORTHERN Ireland were confronted by the disappointing reality yesterday that their hopes of reaching the World Cup finals are over, having failed to break down a resolute Armenia defence in the group

Yerevan. For much of the game, the Irish laid siege to the home goal, but, in Roman Berezoviki, they found a goalkeeper in outstanding form. He produced an impressive series of saves, the best denying Steve Lomas and lain

nine qualifying match in

Kevin Horlock had a goal controversially disallowed after II minutes when Karl Erik Nielsen, the Swedish referee, ruled that the Manchester City wing back had committed a foul before heading into the net, the opportunity provided by good work from lain Jenkins, of Chester City.

Lomas and Dowie, the West Ham United players, were both booked and will miss Northern Ireland's next World Cup qualifying game with Germany, in Belfast in

The temperamental Armenians were always dangerous on the break and they, too, had a goal disallowed after 28 minutes for offside.

Ireland launched several at-tacks on the Armenia goal, but found no way through.

Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, said afterwards: "I am bitterly disappointed, but we will not throw in the towel, we will battle on to the end. I thought Horlock's goal should have

The Irish had been unlucky not to be in front at half-time. On three separate occasions, Berezoviki had defied the odds to prevent Hamilton's side

Yet, at the other end. Alan Fettis was also called on to make a fine stop in the second minute to prevent Mkhitaryan from scoring. The Notting-

GROUP NINE

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nia winger's shot for a corner Lomas was booked with Yervand Sukiasyan after a flare-up in the fourth minute.

The game was played out at a leisurely pace and Armenia, who have never won a World Cup match, rarely threatened their visitors, who were captained by Steve Morrow, of Queens Park Rangers.

Neil Lennon, the Leicester City midfield player, was the other Irish player to be booked, after 42 minutes for a tackle on Karapet Mikaelyan. The result leaves Northern

Ireland fourth in the group with seven points from seven games and only a startling reversal of fortune can secure them a place in the finals in France next summer. Armenia are in fifth place in the group. V Fhachstuven, G Avalyan, N Horsepya V Fhachstuven, G Avalyan, H Midreanya k Mikaelyan, E Assadounan, A Petrosya (sub: Khodgoyan, 84min) MORTPHERN INSELAND: A Fertis, 1 Jenkium G Teggar, C Hill. S Morrow, J McCarthy, S Lomas, N Lennon, k Horlock, I Dowe, J Currin,

The world's leading agents are to publish a blacklist of those dealing in transfers without the approval of Fifa. Licensed agents have to pay the world governing body a £100,000 bond to operate in the transfer market, but though more than 70 have now paid the sum and joined the International Association

of Football Agents, others are continuing to work, despite the fact that they are breach-

Kamara allows himself luxury of forward thinking

CHRIS KAMARA, the Bradford City manager, has vide enough goals to steer the club away from relegation League first division. Bradford face Charlton Athletic at Valley Parade tonight needing victory to climb out of the bottom three.

"We've had a woeful time in the goalscoring stakes, but we've got enough quality up front." Kamara said. He can call on Mike Newell, who is at Bradford on loan from Birmingham City, Edinho. the Brazilian, and Ole Sundgot, from Norway, We've put ourselves under extreme pressure for the last two games but we believe we're going to get out of it," he

Nationwide League crowds have already surpassed last season's total figure with 38 games still remaining. Matches across the three divisions have attracted 11.616.647 spectators, beating the 11,375,309 who watched games last

Figures in the first and second divisions are already up on last season's figures by three and 16.4 per cent respectively. Third division average gates are down, but the overall

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average gates for the three divisions are up by 4.5 per

Mark Morris, the Brighton defender, is prepared to play left hand against Hereford United on Saturday in the game that will decide the fate of the two clubs who occupy the bottom two places in the third division. Morris, 34, suffered the injuries in the win over Doncaster Rovers last Saturday. "I will play whatever it takes. If the referee doesn't allow it. I will remove it and just have a bandage. I can't see it being a problem." Morris said.



Wolverhampton Wanderers have suffered another injury setback with the news that Steve Corica, the midfield player, and Michael Gilkes. until the end of the year with serious knee injuries. Corica, the Australia international.

and Gilkes, who joined the club from Reading on transfer deadline day, were both injured during the 2-1 victory at Port Vale on Sunday. They will have surgery tomorrow. Kevin Bond has been dismissed as reserve team manager of Manchester City despite winning promotion. A

draw against Stockport County on Wednesday put City in the first division of the Pontin's League. Bond was appointed by Alan Ball, the former City manager, and his dismissal could be the first of several departures from Maine Road.

Bernard Lama, the Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper. has been cleared to play in the European Cup Winners' Cup final against Barcelona in Rotterdam on May 14. Larna faces a hearing with the French Football Federation after testing positive for can-nabis, but the date for the commission has now been set for the day after the final.



breakthrough

TIM HENMAN is provisionally seeded No 6 and Greg Rusedksi No ló for the Stella Artois tennis championships at Queen's Club, London. from June 9 to 15. It is the first time in the 18 years of the tournament that two Britons

have been seeded. The future of the competition was confirmed vesterday. for another five years with a further £10 million sponsorship. This is despite the clash this year with the grass-court tournament in Halle, Germany, in which Boris Becker, the Stella Artois champion, and Richard Krajicek, the winner at Wimbledon in 1996.

are playing. All seats for the 5.900capacity Centre Court at Queen's were sold three championships last year.

months ago and the sale of tickets for ground admission has already reached the same Pete Sampras, of the United States, will wait to see how far he advances in the French

Open, which finishes on June

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103 (Phoeno: lead 2-1), Hous Minnesola 129 (Houston win 3-0)

8, before deciding whether to take up his wild card for the tournament. If he reaches the French final, then he will not play at the Stella Artois and Michael Chang, his compatriot, will keep his place as the No I seed.

Ian Wight, the tournament director, said: "We want Pete to have a successful first week in Paris, but, from our point of view, not get further than the semi-finals. So far as Boris is concerned, all I can say is that we are disappointed because this is where it all

Becker won the tournament in 1985 as an unseeded 17-yearold and went on to take the Wimbledon title for the first time later that summer. He has subsequently won Wimbledon twice more and Queen's on three occasions, last year defeating Stefan Edberg in the linal.

In his absence, Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, must be among the favourites, although he has yet to reach the final of the tournament.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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Chang felled after peak performance

MICHAEL CHANG was reminded of the fickle nature of sporting success yesterday when he plunged to a firstround defeat in the AT and T Challenge event in Atlanta, just days after winning a tournament in Orlando.

No I seed and defending champion, the American had no answer to the slashing style of Fernando Meligeni of Brazil, who triumohed 2-6. 6-3, 6-4. Meligeni's extravagant forchand winners, allied to an appetite for retrieval that endeared him to a noisy crowd, belied his world ranking of No 72. Little wonder, then, that he described the victory as the best of his career.

Chang, meanwhile, was left somewhat bemused. "The weird thing was that I was dictating points, but not putting enough pressure on Fernando," he said. "He was able to stay in many points by floating a slice backhand back and that was a crucial mistake that I made. But he played

tough, was able to fight his way through and hang on."

Chang, the world No 2, did not have to walt alone in ignomony for long. Jim Courier, his compatriot and No 4 seed, appeared to be cruising against Steve Campbell, a Taking the court as the qualifier ranked No 236 in the world, before his opponent rallied to win 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Courier, whose fortunes have dipped alarmingly in recent months, said: "I don't think it's a confidence factor. I think it's a concentration

Martina Hingis, the women's world No L has been back on the practice court for the first time since undergoing an operation a week ago to repair damage to her knee suffered when she fell off a borse.

☐ Jamie Delgado, the Davis Cup player from Berkshire. made light of a broken finger to defeat Andrew Foster, from Staffordshire, 6-2, 6-1 in the first round of the satellite tournament at Hatfield yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

Leeds rely on late push for promotion

By DAVID HANDS HUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THEY have the money, the facilities, the catchment area and the playing personnel, but what Leeds do not have is the assurance that they can take all this into the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship next season. Indeed, the ambitious Yorkshire club may have to wait until May 17 before they know the extent of their upward mobility.

They have set records left, right and centre this season: their league tally amounts to 1.117 points in 28 matches, a return bettered only by Newcastle in the second divi-sion and Newbury of the fourth, but it could all be for nothing if they are edged out of the two promotion places in the third division, an event they may be powerless to

Gradually, Leeds have recled in Fylde, the runaway eaders of the division. In March, the Lancastrians enjoyed a nine-point advantage: now, they have only three, with one away match, at Lydney, remaining on Saturday. Were they to lose then, Leeds, with home and away games against Liverpool St Helens to come, could overtake them and go up as

Yet the greater threat lies just below. Exeter have accumulated 44 league points, like Leeds, but have played one game less. If they win their remaining games, at home on Saturday and away on May 17 to Reading and at home to Otley, one of the two northern clubs will suffer. Leeds are anxious that it may be them.

Much has been put in place that could make Leeds the preeminent Yorkshire club soon. but while the investment of Paul Caddick, the property developer, who now has responsibility for both Leeds rugby union and rugby league clubs—they stadium—has brought in fresh talent, the blending of individuals into an effective team takes time and may explain why Leeds's challenge has come so late.

about the job when I arrived, Phil Davies, the former Llanelli and Wales lock, who is now director of rugby at Headingley, said. "I had 17 new players, some of whom I had never met before, and there wasn't a lot of structure to the club. I feel we have developed immeasurably on and off the field.

"We have a good development system, we offer coaching in over 20 schools, I have set up an apprenticeship scheme - modelled on those which exist in rugby league and football - which could be a first in union and we have started a rugby academy, which has links with Leeds Metroplitan University."

Leeds intend to strengthen their squad, which includes internationals from Wales (Davies himself, Colin Stephens and Mark Perego), Romania (Christian Radacanu) and Tonga (Sateki Tuipulota), but they would scarcely welcome the prospect of playing their expensive squad in the third division for

FOOTBALL

Saunders **blames** takeover

DEAN SAUNDERS said yesterday that the power struggle that held the City Ground in its grip for much of the season is one of the main reasons why Nottingham Forest look likely to be consigned to the Nation-The Wales striker believes

that uncertainty surrounding the boardroom reshuffle and the consequent lack of playing reinforcements made FA Carling Premiership survival no more than an outside chance. However, he insisted that he

has no regrets about making the move from Galatasaray, in Turkey, for £1.5 million last summer. "We can't kid ourselves," Saunders said. "It will take a minor miracle to stay up now and the three teams that are directly above us must lose all their remaining

But we've had to try and keep ourselves on a level par all season. There have been different owners, different managers and different assistant managers and it would be difficult for a factory to be run like that, never mind a football club."

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Sanyo Cup timing criticised THE Sanyo Cup could be-

another season.

come the curtain-raiser for the rugby union season in future after criticism over the timing of the Twickenham showpiece this year. The match, between Wasps, the league champions, and a World XV, will be played on May 24, at the end of an arduous season.

"If we can move the game to a different date in the future and still guarantee there will be world-class players on show, then we will," Peter Eldon, the general marketing manager of Sanyo, said. "We realise the timing of this year's final is far from ideal, but, whatever date we decide on, there will always be people who object."

Only 9,000 of the 75,000 tickets available for the match have been sold and Wasps will be without six of their best players, who will be on British Isles or international duty.

Lawrence Dallaglio, Wasps captain, who will be in South Africa with the Lions, said: "It's not a had idea to have an annual showpiece match like this, but the timing is just terrible. People want to see the team that won the title. not just half of them."...

Sanyo said the availability of overseas players was a key

Altitude training? Easy, you can do it in your sleep



Macfadden's book illustrates how to gain a night's sleep in the open air

an you get fit while lying in bed? It can train at home near sea level, but sleep at chambers but are keeping quiet about it in case they are accused of cheating — or ssive sportsmen, who will use any trick to get in better shape than their rivals, have long eyed the idle hours spent sleeping and wondered how they might use this time for yet more training.

An American professor may have come up with the answer and, last night, on BBC's Tomorrow's World, we were treated to the sight of the latest performance aid for the sportsman who has tried everything - the high-altitude hed chamber. You clamber thio what looks like a miniature submarine. slam the hatch and get the effect of sleeping halfway up a mountain.

The idea behind it is simple enough. Training at high altitude is known to boost physical performance and it is considered to be one of the secrets behind the recordbreaking athletic achievements of the Kenyans, the Ethiopians and others fortunate to have been born where the air is thin.

Altitude training stimulates the body's blood to compensate for the lower oxygen level by producing more and more oxygencarrying red blood cells. By the time an athlete returns to sea level to compete, there is an over-supply of red blood cells, which means that more oxygen is supplied to the muscles, resulting in a heightened per-

The chamber, designed by Igor Gamow, of the University of Colorado, in Boulder, uses the same principle by producing low pressure while an athlete sleeps, yet allowing training during the day as normal. You

Gamow came up with the contraption after he had developed a portable pressure bag to save the lives of climbers suffering from the effects of thin air on mountains. He simply reversed the invention to produce his chamber to aid athletes while they sleep.

"If you enhance the blood capacity to absorb oxygen with drugs, it's illegal," he said. If you do it by sleeping at high altitude, it's not only legal but a lot

more fun." The bed does not look too inviting — it is not for the honeymooner or the claustrophobic. It is a large cylinder, eight feet long and 30 inches in diameter. Once inside, a dial enables you to depressurise to an altitude your choice. Effectively, you can spend the night at, say, 14,000ft above sea level, while a complex set of valves

flushes out the carbon dioxide and replaces In the morning, if you are not suffering from mountain sickness, you can climb out

and train in the oxygen-rich air of home. Members of the United States Olympic cycling squad are said to be experimenting with the chambers, which are now on sale at \$10,000 (about £6,000) a time. Apparently, several athletes have bought their own bed case they are accused of cheating - or laughed at for appearing eccentric.

They should take heart, however, for the quest to improve physical fitness by mucking around with sleeping arrangements has a long and, at times, bizarre history.

Perhaps no advice to the aspiring champion about bedtime behaviour is better than that offered by Bernarr Macfadden a

century ago. Macfadden, from New York, was a fitness fanatic ahead of his time. Born into poverty, he was a sickly child. who lived a vigorous life to the age of 87 after curing himself by exercise and diet. Through-out his life, he championed frequent sexual activity, are only natural foods, exercised intensely, walked vast distances and abstained from smoking, alcohol and drugs.

In 1898, under the slogan "Weakness is a crime. Don't be a criminal", he launched a magazine called Physical Culture. By the mid-Twenties, he had a publishing empire. had set up schools, health resorts and training camps and was considered an international health guru, pedalling his advice to presidents and celebrities from around the world.

He wrote extensively about every detail of physical culture and training for sport.

for plenty of sleep and the value of fresh air in enriching the blood. "A bed." he wrote "is only a means to an end, and it is not so much the bed itself that we have to consider as the manner of sleeping in it."

Macfadden's favourite sleeping aid was a chilly arrangement that makes the altitude simulation chamber seem quite cosy. Having experimented with sleeping next to everopen windows, he decided that the only way to get the vast amount of fresh air that you need while sleeping was to build a platform and push the head of your bed outside of the

In his book, Building of Vital Power, he has drawings showing how a "small iron single bed or divan can be placed out of the window in order to secure the advantage of sleeping out of doors without leaving the

"The bed" that he advises "should extend about a foot and a half out of the window. If it extends much farther than this." he warns, there is, of course, a liability of the foot raising and landing one on the ground."

He is well aware of the eccentric nature of his advice, for he adds that, if you live in a thickly-populated district, an awning or a large umbrella can be placed over the

window "to obscure the view of the curious". So, if you want to sleep your way to the top in sport, the choice is yours — the Mac-fadden window-box or the Colorado mounrain chamber. Sweet dreams,

JOHN BRYANT

EQUESTRIANISM

Showtime carries Skelton's hopes

FRUM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

NICK SKELTON, one of four Britons competing in the Volvo World Cup showjumping final here, has suffered a setback on the eve of the event after Virtual Village Zalza, one of his two qualified horses. suffered an attack of colic

and had to be withdrawn. The ten-year-old gelding. on which Skelton was runner-up in the qualifying event in Bordeaux in February, was rushed to a local clinic shortly after arriving here. The Ger-man-bred gelding, which, like the other British horses, had travelled via Denrequired only a three-hour sea crossing compared with a 22-hour one from Harwich — is recovering. but will remain at the clinic for several days.

Skelton, who won the World Cup on his former top horse, Dollar Girl, in 1995 and was third last year, will now rely on his Olympic mare, Shownine, for all three legs of the final. "It's very disappointing," Skelton said. "I had hoped to ride Zalza in the first speed competition, Showtime in the second round and then choose which was going best for the third round."

John Whitaker, the winner in 1990 and 1991, is now the only British rider left



Skelton: setback

with two horses. He rides Grannusch in the speed leg tonight and then changes to Welham. Grannusch, who was third in the opening round last year, made light of his 18 years in vesterday's training class, producing a faultless round. With Michael Whitaker's Ashley and Geoff Billington's It's Otto also faultless, hopes of a fourth British victory remain high.

The main threat to the British is likely to come from Hugo Simon. of Austria, the holder, on ET. The three German Olympic team gold medal-winners Franke Sloothaak.
 Ludger Beerbaum and Lars Nieberg — will also pose a threat Sloothaak, the world champion, was asked to make the draw for tonight's first round - in which it is an advantage to go later - and drew himself last of the 45 riders.

The North American riders, who dominated the World Cup in its early years, have not won since 1989 - when Ian Millar, of Canada, gained his second success on Big Ben, Millar competes again this week. but the main American hope lies with Margie Goldstein Engle, from Palm Beach, Florida, and her Dutch mare, Hidden Creek's Laurel, on which she was runner-up in both the Washington and New York qualifiers.

Torrance given new strength by shaft of light

FROM MEL WEBE IN BRESCIA

THE young vultures may be circling, but the old-timers are showing no inclination to fall off and bite the dust just yet. Mark James's momentous victory at the age of 43 in the Spanish Open on Sunday proved, once again, that there is no place for ageism on today's PGA European Tourand among the favourites in: the Italian Open that starts roday are men who know how. to cross the golfing desert without drinking their water

James is back again this week and has been joined by several others of a similar vintage, Ian Woosnam, Bernall at Gardagolf on the shores of Lake Garda to savour the views, enjoy the food, sip the wine and, if they get their way, put in a challenge in the if tournament taking place here: Jose Maria Olazábal is also playing, as are five, including Rocca, of the top six in the

Ryder Cup points list. If past performance is any who is even happier to be back indicator. Torrance will take at Gardagolf. I like the food some stopping. He is a winner and I like the people," he said: over course (Kronenbourg Open at Gardagolf, 1993) and

distance (Italian Open, 1987 and 1995) and, at 5-2 for a Ryder Cup place, reckons he is worth a substantial wager. He is buoyant, confident and, incidentally, happy that he has passed a self-imposed test

of strength in the past few Torrance, 43, wondered if it might be time to acknowledge the passing of anno Domini by fitting some slightly softer shafts to his clubs. The benefits might be a south more whip through the ball and a gain in control to counteract a

Not so. A month on, Torsturdy Scottish frame has not lost an ounce of its former strength, so he has gone back to his original shafts. "I'm still as strong as an ox," he said yesterday. "I haven't measured it - I can just tell by the feel off the clubhead that I'm

Result - one happy Scot, He also said that the surroundings reminded him of

as strong as I ever was."

his native Largs. That proves that he also has an imagination, for there are not many obvious similarities between the foothills of the Italian Alps and the Scotland

Woosnam, on the other hand, was not looking at the views. He is wrestling with technical problems. He is lacking in confidence off the tee, cannot find a metal driver that suits him and is suffering on the greens. He reckons that the sub-standard driving is down to the clubs and the

slight loss of strength. "You putting is down to him. need them as you get older," "I just don't seem to b "I just don't seem to be able to get my driver going at all," he said: "Metal drivers have hard Langer. Costantino Not so A month on, Tor- he said. Metal drivers have Rocca and Sam Torrance are rance has found that his shafts between 44 and 45 inches long and the right length for me is 43'2 inches. If I use a shaft that's any longer I putting a shorter shaft on a metal club, because them it

doesn't look right." Consequently. Woosnam has thrown away the metal and gone back to his old wooden-headed driver. "I'll sacrifice length, I know I will," he said, mournfully. "At least I



Parker, left, and Chan in tandem yesterday in the first round of the mixed doubles against the teenaged Ghanaians

Davies eyes green jacket FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN DAYTONA BEACH

THIS Florida venue for the \$1.2 million (around £740.00) Sprint Titleholders Champ-

ionship, which starts today, is Laura Davies's sort of place. for Daytona is synonymous with cars and speed. Sir Malcolm Campbell, in Bluebird, reached 276mph on the 23-mile-long beach here in 1935. Cars are limited to ten was just a few weeks after mph now, but there's the Greg Norman's collapse at Daytona International Speed-Augusta and there were the way for more impatient drivinevitable comparisons, which

ers, plus a dog track, a floating casino some shopping and a bit of golf, on LPGA International, a course that is relatively flat and wide open. There is also a big purse of shock afterwards, scarcely

MORPION

- only the US Women's Open. which will offer \$1.3 million in July, is bigger — and a green jacker for the winner. Karrie Webb, of Australia, who rewrote the rookie record books last year, was fitted with the iacket after an impressively Graham. composed final round of 55. It

Webb did not enjoy. She had been at Augusta, cheering desperately for Norman, and she was in a state of able to understand what she had seen. Earlier this year, she was given more of an insight. At the Alpine Australian Mas ters, in her native Oueensland, in front of her family and friends, she blew a lead of four strokes to lose to Gail

Webb, who is second on the money-list behind Annika Sorenstam, has won since the Susan G. Komen International — and she. Sorenstam and Davies are three of the favourites this week - as they Nancy Lopez, fitter and

stronger than ever before after an intensive fitness regime, is also back in the frame. Lopez won the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship last Sunday, her first victory for four years. "It felt kind of empty," she admitted afterwards, because rain had reduced the event to 36 holes, but nobody else cared. "A win's a win," Webb

Davies, who tied for twelfth place, has never been satisfied with golf alone and she recently agreed a new contract with the Myrtle Beach Sea Dawgs, a professional soccer team - for a dollar a year over the next three years.

The world No I got a bit of a shock when she realised that the Dawgs were men, not women, but she made her debut a couple of weeks ago and played for a few minutes. Davies, a mean finisher when she was younger, failed to score, not least because she did not realise that the team owner had offered \$500 to the man who helped her help herself to a goal.

Ever the team player, Davies persisted in passing to team-mates in a better position. But, at 33, this Liverpool fan is probably not the striker no replace Stan Collymore at



Chinese mastery seems set to run ing some brilliantly tight serv-ing with beautifully masked

By RICHARD EATON

CHINA'S attempt to become the first country to successfully defend all seven titles at the world table tennis championships gathered pace when they completed the capture of both team trophies with a 3-1 men's victory over France in Manchester vesterday. Nevertheless, there was a defeat for Liu Guoliang, the Olympic champion, and at times the French, playing in their first final for 49 years, performed above themselves, making it an out-

standing occasion. There were lessons by the dozen in this for Katy Parker. It was quite a day off school for

Parker, the 12-year-old who had earlier become the youngest English player to compete in a world championship. She and Michael Chan, 13, lasted only 15 minutes while losing 21-11, 21-14 to two teenaged Ghanaians in the first round of the mixed doubles, but there were 25 hours of unparalleled experience for them during an

afternoon of drama. The highlight was the per-formance by Patrick Chila, the France No 2, whose 21-17, 15-21, 21-10 victory over Liu was a masterpiece. Chila often slow-looped from half-distance, defusing Liu's explosive flat hitting, and then frequently changed the pace by follow-

top spins from both wings. Had Chila been able to play the deciding encounter against Kong Linghui, the world champion, he might have pulled off a sensation. However, that became impossible

because Jean-Philippe Gatien. the former world champion. was beaten twice - despite leading Kong by a game and 96. and Damien Eloi, the former English Open champion, could not convert six game points in a second game of ten deuces against Wang Tao. France, the unexpected finalists, nevertheless made it a surprisingly close result.

It is too soon to predict, but it would be no surprise if Parker and Chan go on to do well for England. Though their opponents - Eric Amoah and Amo Hakar dwarfed them, they were never completely outplayed.

In the end, they had to settle for respectability - and plenty of attention. Spectators in their draves left the show court to surround Court 12, the postmatch interviews kept them on court considerably longer than the match and they probably escaped from a potentially traumatic situation with optimism increased.

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BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

SHOULD Lennox Lewis successfully defend his World Boxing Council heavyweight ish featherweight champion.

from Scarborough. Lewis has not boxed in Britain since his defeat by Oliver McCall in 1994. However, his promotion company, Panix, decided to take the bout against Akinwande to Atlantic City because it will championship contest in Manchester on Saturday. Foster, 36. says that even if he causes a big upset in front of his legions of supporters, his sights are now firmly set on life outside the ring. "I am going to defend a

couple of times and then I am Lewis has always been sucgoing to get back to my family." Foster, a father of three, said. "I have worked hard over the years and I am ready now to put my feet up. I manage a few fighters and I am going to concentrate on

> Nevertheless, Foster is confident as he completes preparations for the chance against the Florida-based champion that he thought had eluded



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Compound Interest Who will win the tyre wors?

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Gerhard on reaching 200 Plus Interviews with Prest, Newey, Trulli, Coulthard...

Read Jacques Villeneuve EXCLUSIVELY in Grand Prix Action

dead." From the Greek, maker means happy. "No man praises happiness, as he praises justice, but macarizes (blesses) it as something more divine and better." SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I Quest Rives 2 Net checkmare

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(c) A lizard. From the Latin lacerta or lacertus in the same sense.

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(c) To account or call happy, as in "Macarize no man until he is

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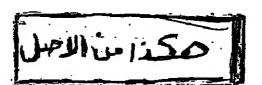
ashes of a green lizard burnt."

championship against Henry Akinwande at Atlantic City. New Jersey, on July 12, he will make the next two voluntary defences in Britain as part of his agreement with Sky Television. The bout will be shown on Sky at 11.59pm after a promotion in Britain the same night featuring Paul Ingle, the exciting young Brit-

receive a substantial fee from Caesar's Palace Hotel and Casino. Lewis, who has a part-share in the promotion, will make in excess of £2 million, while Akinwande's purse is expected to be around £800,000.

cessful in Atlantic City. In 1992, he stopped Mike Dixon in four rounds; two years later, he defended his title against Phil Jackson, winning in eight rounds. In 1995, he stopped Tommy Rawlinson

Steve Foster, the Salford light-middleweight, claims he is ready to retire, whether or not he defeats Ronald Winky" Wright in their World Boxing Organisation



Robidoux ends Walker's run at world snooker championship

Hendry on course in quest for record

By PHIL YATES

NOT for the first time during this year's Embassy world snooker championship. Stephen Hendry overcame pres-sure from a determined rival to remain on course for his seventh triumph at the game's blue riband event in eight

Hendry's 13-10 victory over Darren Morgan at the Cruci-ble Theatre, Sheffield, yester-day was his 28th consecutive match there and he must now clear only two more hurdles in order to supersede Ray Reardon and Steve Davis as the most prolific winner of the championship in the modern

Morgan, 9-7 adrift over-night, as he had been before unexpectedly edging Ronnie O'Sullivan 13-12 in the previous round, compiled an excep-

DETAILS

SUARTER-FINALS (best of 25 frames) S Jendry (Scot) bl D Morgan (Wates) 13-10; Coherty (ke) leads J Haggart (Scot) 9-7; Alkobobou, (Carr) bl L Walker (Wates) 13-8; I Waltana (Thai) jeads J Parrott (Eng) 9-7

tional 58 break to account for the first frame of the session and drew level at 9-9.

A safety misjudgment from Morgan on the last red allowed Hendry in for the clearance to pink that brought up 10-9 before the Welshman simultaneously potted a red in the early stages of the twentieth frame and screwed the cue-ball in-off. Given Morgan's past tendency to capitulate in the face of such misfortune, it was thought Hendry had weathered the storm by making a 53 break to lead 11-9, but there was to be one further scare for the title-

collected a 39 clearance to trail 10-11, despite the balls being to draw level in the 22nd frame when he miscued on a straightforward blue.

Hendry afforded himself some breathing space with a 62 break and Morgan's hopes of becoming the first player to beat him at the championship since Steve James did so at the corresponding stage in 1991 disappeared in the next. With one last throw, Morgan fought back from 62-0 down to 62-37. but missed an overusing the rest. It was to be his final shot of the march, as Hendry coolly cleared to adrance. The result improved Hendry's record against Morgan to 15-1.

gan to 15-1.

Even so, Hendry, clearly possesses a high regard for his victim's ability. "It was a very tough match," Hendry said. "People seem to forget how good Darren can be. I know I didn't knock in many big breaks, but I was very satisfied with my performance and I think if he had beaten me. Darren would probably have tournament."

James Wattana, of Thailand. was a marginal favourite to supply Hendry's semi-final opposition, over the best of 33 frames, as he carried a 9-7 lead over John Parrott, the 1991 champion, into their concluding sesssion last night. Breaks of 46, 82, 69 and a 129 total clearance enabled Parrott to recover from 5-3 overnight arrears of 5-3 to 7-7, but Wattana, a Crucible semi-finalist four years ago, dominated the closing two frames of the afternoon with runs of 56 when Parrot failed to complete a simple plant - and 93.

The chances of only the second overseas winner in the ory were further enhanced when Alain Robidoux, a greawkwardly positioned, and he garious 36-year-old from



Montreal, safely booked his passage into the semi-finals by beating Lee Walker 13-8. Contributions of 113 and 61 were the highlights as Robidoux who was clearly mentally fatigued by his giant-killing exploits earlier in the tourna-

ment, to become the first. He is also sure to be the Canadian to enjoy such an extended run at the Crucible underdog when he plays either Ken Doherty or John since Cliff Thorburn in 1998. Higgins for a place in the Robidoux is now guaranfinal. Doherty required only frames to progress after a

previous largest cheque in

FOOTBALL

Fifa clear England's World Cup application

SEPP BLATTER, the general secretary of Fifa, the world governing body, emphasised yesterday that England and Germany were both entitled to bid to stage the World Cup of 2006 and at the same time criticised Uefa for their efforts to reshape the rules.

Uefa wanted only one bid per continent for the event, but Blatter stressed: "It is Fifa's World Cup, not a matter for confederations. Every single national association that is part of Fifa has the right to bid." However, he issued a warning. The fight between England and Germany is for nothing. At this stage, we haven't even opened the offi-cial bidding for 2006 — that will come at the end of the World Cup next year, in the

Blatter pointed out that three African nations - South Africa, Morocco and Egypt and countries in South Ameri-ca have signalled their inten-tion to bid and he poured scorn on the prospect of Uefa's proposal for one bid per continent being given the goahead at next year's congress in Paris. The statutes of Fifa can be changed next June, but we've so far received no pro-posals from any confedera-

Blatter, speaking at the Soccerex exhibition at Wern-bley Conference Centre, said Fifa wished to see the intro-duction of professional refer-ees, plus the abolition of the sliding tackle and the tackle from behind and he hinted at bad news for those without satellite or cable television. The World Cup in 1998 is not a problem, it will be broadcast by the so-called official tele-vision," he said, "but things will change after that, although I can promise that, in Europe, at least, the first game, one semi-final and the final itself will be available on

"What we could not accept is the idea of time-outs or the game split into quarters or thirds, let alone the use of third referees in the stands."

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Well, perhaps not wonderful

Simon Nye is a writer who defies pigeonholing. Having followed the political incorrectness of Men Behaving Badly with the amiable idiocy of Is It Legal?, he comes up with a sittom that is different from either. The tone is grittier than on the other two shows and the title is ironic. Emma Wray's Donna is not having a wonderful life. She is divorced, strapped for cash and combines bringing up two boisterous daughters with a job as a hospital nurse. In the single mother debate Nye is careful to leave his options open. Donna is no madonna. She is careless with money and liable to shoot her mouth off. But she is a survivor, just, and does not need the smug next-door neighbour (Tony Robinson) to tell her how to run her affairs. My Wonderful Life has a hard edge but be assured that it is funny as well.

Horizon: The Great Balloon Race BBC2, 9.00pm

The three attempts in January to circumusvigate the world in a balloon seemed at the time like a branch of showbusiness. But trust *Horizon* to branch of showbusiness. But trust Horizon to stand back from the media hype and take a cool look at the science. Not that the personalities are ignored. With Richard Branson, among them this would be impossible. Nor does the film neglect the political bickering which helped to scupper the chances of the American Steve Fossett. But the emphasis is on the engineering which went into the balloons, the harnessing of the weather and, thanks to on-board cameras, the technicalities of the flight. Branson, Fossett and the Swiss-Belgian crew approached the task in radically different ways. The analysis of their strategies, and why they failed, provides excellent background for the second attempts which will surely come.

Although the pilot programme last year won few critical plaudits, it drew il million viewers and with an audience like that a series was inevitable. So here it is, with John Shrapnel as the unglamorous commander of a police protection team which includes the highly glamorous Louise

Lombard and Sean Periwee. The challenge for the show will be to vary the plot, which in tonight's episode, as in the pilot, involves saving a foreign VIP from assassination. This time he is a Serb accused of involvement in a massacre. But there is accised of involvement in a massace, but the is no need to worry about Balkan politics. It all comes down to whether Shrapnel's team can locate the gumman in time, with the complication that the hit squad is holding Pertwee's wife and daughter. The scenario is efficient on the action level, but do not expect subfleties of character or motive.

The Election Night Armistice BBC2, 10.30pm (not Scotland)

The House of the Spirit Levels

Radio 4, 6.30pm.

BBC2, 10.30pm (not Scotland)

For those who want an election break from the Dimbleby brothers (David on BBC1, Jonathan on ITV), computerised graphics and earnest psephologists, here is a jokey alternative. Hosted by the Armistice team of Armando lannucci, David Schmeider and Peter Baynham it is a three-hour live show which, while carrying the election results, will be less reverent about filling the gaps in between. Among promised delights are Valerie Singleton with a bouncy House of Commons. Steve Coogan's Alan Partridge in a link-up from Norwich and a politics-free zone in Manchester. The danger is that if Peter Snow is on form on BBC1 all this could be upstaged. Snow's hilarious ability to get hold of the wrong end of the swingometer threatens to leave the satire boys at the starting post. the starting post. Peter Waymark

Radio 4, 6.30pm.

I wasn't in the least bit surprised that Nick Revell's launching episode of his six-part serial has a laugh a minute built into it. He has, you will remember, writen for Channel 4's Drop the Dead Donkey. What is surprising, though, is that it takes the studio audience all of 20 minutes to break into its first round of applause. And that's for one of the first sub-standard lines in the script. Revell himself plays the self-ended hero doomed to return from Russia to the bosom of his weird family which is headed by an 183-year-old father and pailed by a dog that is the reincarnation of Elvis Presley. On his travels he also has to contend with a former girlfriend, who is obsessed with Bronté and the

girlfriend, who is obsessed with Bronte and the morris-dancing survivalist militis. Peter Davalle

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00em Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridian Books 8.15 Oil the Shelf 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Terming a Tune 9.30 Tomany Vance 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Live from the Archive 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sports Roundup 71.30 Discovery 12.30pm Neighbours 12.45 From Our Own Correspondent 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Bittain Today 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sports Poundup 2.30 Outlook 3.30 Metitack X-Press 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 On Your Behalf 4.30 News in German 5.30 World Business Report 5.46 Britain Today 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Outlook 2.35 Pause for Thought 8.30

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RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 8.00pm

Questions, questions, questions: all of them concerned with children's rights, all of them vitally important, and most of them not amenable to easy important, and most of them not amenable to easy answers. Frances Cairnerose's investigation into the child's place in an increasingly adult world seeks replies to posers such as who is to take responsibility for coping with child definquency?; Should children be punished in ways that are more adult? What should happen when children say things that adults don't agree with?; Should children be as free as adults are in deciding the nature of their medical treatmen? Cairneroses comes to the conclusion that the one right above all others to which a child is entitled is the right to others to which a child is entitled is the right to loving parental care.

7,00em Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Meyo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes at 12.30pm Nevesbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 6.15 Newsbeet 6.30 London Music Week, Sleve Lameoq and John Peet present Bentley Phythan Ace, Death in Veges and Lionrock on stage at Basson Fridge 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbe 1.00em Dave Peerce 4.00em Cive Warren

6.00mm Sarsh Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Richard Alinson 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Andy Psebles Soul Show 9.30 Stand Up Two 19.00 The Neiwer Huddines 10.30 January Young's Election Night Special with John Cole 3.00mm Alex Lester

5.80em Morning Reports 6.80 The Breefdast Programms 9.00 The Megazine with Dians Medil 12.00 Middley with Mair 2.00 Ruscos on Rive 4.00 John Inverdels Nationwide 7.00 News Entre 7.35 The Death of Football (3/4) 8.00 Inside Edge with Rob Bornet 9.00 Sports-America with Alon Byrd 9.30 Sportshop with Adrian Goldberg 10.00 Election 97. Coverage of the results through the night.

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonsine Kelly 2.00pm Torring Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.90 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James, Whale 1.00am lan Collins.

4.00em Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Hell of Fame Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Lunchtme Concerto. J S. Bach (Branderburg Concerto No 1 in Firmsjor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newshight 7.30 Sonista. Enescu (Violin Sonista, Torso) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 11.00 Election 97

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Rüss 'n' John 10.00 Grahem Dene 1.00am Jeremy Clairk 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Rendal Les Rose

6.00em On Air, with Andrew MacGregor. Includes Boccherin (Symphony No 7 in D); Dvořák (Callo Concerto in B minor); Haydn (Symphony No 64 in A); Brahms (Piano Trio in E flat, Op 40); Langsaard (Like Words for a Summer's Day Saga); Pleyel (Symphony in C)

9.00 Morring Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Chabrier (Fete Polonaise); Butlerworth (A Shropshire Lad, excerpts); Mozart, arr Grieg (Fartissia in C minor); Grieg (Lyric Suite)

10.00 Musicat Encounters, with Edward Blateman. Includes Barber (Adagio for Strings); Lutoslawaki (Paroles Tissaes); Ravel (Tzignes); Britten. (Serenade for Tenor, Hom and Strings); Helm (Pano Concerto in E)

12.00 Composer of the Weeld Haydin

1.00pm Eastern Approaches. The series in which Roderic Dunnett explores Eastern European opera. Includes excerpts from Kodely (Flary Janos); Krasa (Brundbar); Szymenowski (King Roger) (4/4)

2.00 Quartet Tricis. The last in a series of three concerts given by the Hagen Quartet in G). Quartet in F); Schubent (String Quartet in G). 3.30 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Jerzy Melssymiuk. Shostakovich (Symphony No 9) (r)

4.15 Ersemble. Perry Gore introduces a recital by Andrew Wilde, plano. Beethoven (Sonata in C shap milnor, Op 27 No 2, Moonfight); Schubert (Fanlasy in C, 0760, Wanderer) (r)

5.00 Music MacChine. Verity Shap talks to Laura Lee-Davis about Madonna and women in the 1980s 5.15 In Turne, with Brish Morton. Includes Djergo Bates (Candles Still Flicker); Mozart (Andarte in

C); Glass (Evening Song); Berlicz (Nutits d'été); Byrd (What Pleasure Have Great Princes) 7.30 The Sibelius Experience (Sounding the Century). Live from the City Hall in Glasgow, the first of six concerts by the BBC Scottish. Symphony Orchestre under their chief conductor. Osmo Vanste. With Christian Lindberg, trombone. Sibelius (The Wood Nymph); Sandstrom (Don Cubrote) 8.20 Sibelius in Person. A look at the composer through the eyes of Sir Thomas. Beacham, Walter Legge and Dr Carlton Young 8.40 Concert Part Two. Sibelius (Symphony No.5) 9.25 learus Rising. A look at Manfred von Richtoten, otherwise known est the Red Beron, whose transformation from sporting gentlemen to daving wartime pilot gave rise to a new mythology (4/5) 10.00 Music Beatoned. Arithory Rooley introduces revel; beard sacred music by the 15th-century English composer John Benet, performed by the Orlando Consort. 10.45 Night Warves. Patrick Wright profiles the Swiss director and film-mateir Luc Bondy whose Playing with Fire, staming Emmernuelle Béant, opens torlight at the Nottingham Playhouse. 11.30 Composer of the Weets Ractamaninov (f) 12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather Introduces the final concert in the series of three, recorded at Bonnie Scott's in Birmingham, featuring Andy Sheppard's Moving Image 1.00 Through the Night, with Doneid Medded, Includes 1.00 Charal Evensong, from Worcester Cathedral (r) 2.00 Charaler Rectal: Mara. Zampierel, soprano, Luigi Pussodu, cello, Eduardo Parza, plano, includes works by Platti, Sottesiri, Ponchielli. Donizetti, Mercadante and Proch 3.00 Schools 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Brising
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, with Michael Buerk,
David Cook, Janet Daley, Michael Mansfield, CC,
and Dr David Starkey
10.00 News; Girlies (FM). The comedy serial by Sudha
Bhuchar and Shaheen Khan focusing on the lives
of a group of young Asian women. With Zira Satter
and Bharri Patel (2/4)
10.30 Women's Hour, with Jerni Murray, includes a
report from Diana Appleyand on the stocess rates
at secondary schools specialising in technology
and tanguages
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. Reports from
BBC correspondents from around the world.
12.00 News; You and Youns. Consumer news and
current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Kelly's Heroes. Chris Kelly explores the life of
the designer Umberto Plank, who recently died
after slipping on a cultured pean. With
contributions from Annabel Giles and Professor
Graham Norton (4/4) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play; A Civil War,
by R.J. Gallagher. Based on the making of John
Huston's film The Red Badge of Courage. Staring
David Haig and Roll Season (r)
3.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Shift. Sue Elliot talks to
two women who meet at a motorway service

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at the Nottingham Playhouse

4.45 Short Story: The Real Novel, by Gillian Tindall. The story of a young novelest who is selected to represent her country in an international connection. Read by Nina Wadia (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 The House of The Spirit Levels. See Choice

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Molty's Ashes. Claffs Harbon takes his mother's eshes to Gibratar for burist. He pleas to jay her to rest in the grounds of the cathedral where sive was confirmed, but he also hopes to find somebody who remembers his mother so that her can learn more about her file

8.00 Analysis. See Choice

8.45 Uncle Mort's Cettle Fistage. The continuation of Peter Tindawood's comic odysesy starting Stephen Thome as Uncle Mort, and Sem Kelly as Carte Brandon (2/5) (r)

9.00 Does He Take Sugar2 The programme made for, and by, people with disabilities

9.30 Kaleddoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00-6.00em Election-97. James Naughtle presents a simultaneous broadcast with Pacific 5 Live featuring comprehensive coverage from sound the country as he nestits of the polisicome in includes (epondamile times) 1.00 The result from Tony Blair's constituency of Sedgeteki 1.16 The results from Paddy Ashdown's constituency of Yeovillend the important Strang, seet of Michael Forsyth 2.30 The result from John Major's constituency of the specines and Celebrations from the parties election to the results from around file country reaction to the results from around file country.

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ing is that it's turning your worst moments into money. Recently, for example, I got home from holiday to find that somebody else's cat had been trapped in my house for two days, and had panicked with predictable conse-ments. All grist to the mill. though, I expect? smiled a neighhour as, gagging and dejected, interied soiled sofa cushions to the cleaners. Grist to the mill? I smiled weakly and adjusted the peg on my nose Some things are funny instantly. But your house used as a cat lay. The comic potential of that veil too thick because nobody situation has taken quite a lot longer to announce itself.

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But last night's Modern Times: Shampoe (BBC2) proved, among other things, that it isn't just writers who betray their own experiences for gain. Many of us, it their sensational revelations, it seems, use our worst moments wasn't about the individuals in the

hairdresser. So I come home, and the man is gone!" yelled one wom-an last night, looking straight into the camera (the mirror). Another discovered her husband had a second family down the road, with children and everything!

clients heads, the hairdressers snipped and combed and exclaimed "No!", but as conversation it was hardly satisfactory. A client with wet hair combed like a curtain told a story of abandonment, sickness and debt, but either her story was too complicated or her cared. Besides, she was bitter. You never get sympathy if you're bitter. From the trailers and pre-publicity. Shampoo had looked cheap and easy- it was in fact a

dever insinuating film. Despite

placing the camera behind the mirror, Emma Hewitt drew attention to the sheer alienating oddness of two people talking to each other while looking in the same direction. Conversation bounces off a reflecting surface, while one person works and the other relaxes. To the hairdresser, it's all routine Tip your head for me? Would you like some mousse?") To the client, even though cloaked in a nasty gown like a straitjacket, it's a rare period of total self-indulgence.

ow appropriate that cut-ting was the great skill of Shampoo, Severely and confidently, each strand of the story was combed, cut, trained, shaped. The wife-swapping man, the naturist man, the big-nosed lady with the enormous rollers played their part, just so... Whether the sum of human knowledge has been advanced by such a REVIEW



Lynne Truss

film is debatable, but who cares? At hairdressers throughout the land today, people will be talking about it — and incidentally addressing their own reflections at the same time.

Over on BBC1, the new series of The Antiques Roadshow turned up just three days after the last one ended. This felt like sufficient interval to me. Hugh Scully took us down Memory Lane (Ipswich) then on the flimsiest pretext struck off for HMS Victory (Portsmouth) to discuss Horatio Nelson and forget about antiques altogether. Excitedly, he indicated rectangular wooden platters - origin of the expression "a square meal". I have never seen Scully look so happy.

The only disappointment of these special retrospective shows is that they ignore so much of the potential for dramatic follow-up. in every decent Antiques Roadshow encounter, a punter is left holding a vase worth ES.000, in which they formerly kept the dog biscuits. Well, since this was clearly a life-altering experience. what happened next? Did they drop the vase? Did they sell it and regret it? Did they discover the experts were wrong? Half the snobbish enjoyment of the Roadshow is the spectacle of unworthy owners saying lamely of a watercolour masterpiece "Well, I

to revisit former exciting finds, and always liked blue". Were they perhaps shamed into studying history of art after their appearance on the Roadshow? All those stories ripe for picking, Hugh, and you're beggaring about with trays.

hannel 4's new series Planet Showbiz looks set to be unmissable. It's full of quirky anecdotal stuff to talk about at the hairdressers, for a start. Mark Lamarr's good nature (as team captain on Shooting Stars) has always belied his rather repulsive sartorial style; in Planet Showbiz he gets genuinely funny. off-the-wall stories from America, and seemingly allows himself to enjoy the process. How refreshing. He doesn't try hard to be clever, and comes across as a star.

Since next week will be my last as a television critic, it suddenly becomes an urgent matter to find good stuff to watch in my retirement years (as I fancifully refer to

my new job as an insanely under-qualified sports writer). Planet Showbiz deserves another look, as does the series Heroes of Comedy. which I believe I would certainly watch anyway, even if not contractually obliged. But how do normal people choose what to watch on ielly? I have no idea. Are you allowed sometimes to switch off and read a book, or do they take your licence away? Six years I've been doing this job. I've forgotten that telly is optional.

Anyway, last night's Heroes of Comedy tribute to Alastair Sim was a delightful programme about a delightful actor, survived by delightful friends and family. Sim's daughter never minds, for example, when people say how good he was in The Ladykillers. Alec Guinness got the fee, but my father got the kudos," she always says, to cover other people's mistake. Well, what a gracious way of dealing with it.

6,00am Business Breakfast (45772) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (23573820) o.05 Change That (3474975) 9.20 Style Challenge (8933401) 9.45 (Groy (7295449)

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12.35 Good Living (9745371). 1,00 One O'Clock News (T) (62866) 1,30 Regional News (86089284) 1.40 The Weather Show (99258371)

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2.10 Snooker: World Championship

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3.30 Playdeys (r) (8546739) 3.50 Postman Pat (6050333) 4.05 Febt the Cat (f) (7996266) 4.20 tulis sekyll and Harrist Hyde (f) (T) (7977130) 4.36 Return to Jupiter (1) (1658739) 5.00 Newsround (1) (4809371) 5.10 No Sweat (1) (6685197) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (872284)

5.00 Six O'Clock News (T) (65) 6.30 Regional News (1) (17)

7.00 Watchdog Healthcheck Toyah William examines non-prescription treetments for asthma. Pris, all the latest treods, stories and issues affecting health, with special reports from Alice Beer, John Micrison. and Angela Rippon (1) (5807) 7.30 EastEnders Gita makes amends with her-

mother-in-law, while Joe seems suspiciously calm after his outburst (1) (71) 8,00 Animal Hospital Husband-and-wife vets

Sally and Ian Paine invite Steve Knight pampered pets. Plus, more medical mysteries are solved in the clinic at Aylesbury (T) (4555)

8.30 Keeping Mum Andrew has a fash of inspiration and invites former with Kets of a data. Interfering mother-in-law Peggy makes it has maked to be provided to the control of the control meles it her mission to give them an evening they'll never forget. Stephenie Cole and Martin Ball ster (1) (3062) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) (144523)

9.25 Blackadder the Third: Dieh and Dishonesty (r) (T) (722517) 9.55 Election 97 David Dimbleby hosts the BBC's biggest ever single programme an in-depth analysis of toright's results as they come in, revealing what as they come in, revealing what repercussions they may have on the mation's future. Jeremy Pagnan will be giving the politicians is herd time with his lough questioning, and Peter Snow will use his swingometer and state of the and 3D graphics designed to keep us up to date with the proceedings (1) (\$5098710).

5.52am Regional News and Weather

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2.10 Adams (1935, b/w) Cornedy drams with Katherine Hepburn. Adaptation of Booth Tarkington's Politzer Prize-winning novel. Directed by George Stevens (T). 3.55 News (1) and weather (5800739)

4.00 Snooker: World Championship Semifinal action (5284)

6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine Sisko takes alike into the wormhole to witness a rare phenomenon (T) (600791) 6.45 Snooker (825333) . 7.30 East. The Tiger Trap New series, insight

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Ready for take-off (9.00pm)

Horizon: The Great Belloon Race An insight into attempts to circumaevigate the Earth in a hot air balicon, (T) (4888) 10.00 Have I Got News for You Richard Wilson and Nick Ross join regulars lan

Histop and Paul Menton (T) (15371) Election Night Armistice A comical swipe at the election results (329159) WALES: FILM: Man's Fewditrite Sport (1964) (55840913) 12.25 Election 97 (5178869) 2.00 Snooker 3.05 Close Up 3.15-4.35 Film: Take the Money and Plan

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Allen's debut as a director, about a compulsive third (2762208)

4.10 Too Many Crooks (1958, b/w) Comedy, with Teny-Thomas, George Cole and Sid James (5063840) Ends 5.35

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GRANADA PLUS

EUROSPORT

UK GOLD

6.00am GMTV (4042642)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (t) (T) (6341420) 9.55 Regional news (3376555) 10.00 The Time, the Place (83623)

10.30 This Morning (62295826) 12.20 Regional news (8662449) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9748468) 12.55 Wish You Were Here (9723159) 1.25 Home and Away (70804265) 1.50 Afternoon Live (40151246)

2.20 Vanessa (1) (40349517) 2.50 Afternoon Live (2068197) 3.20 News (1) (6721555) 3.25 Regional news and weather (6720826)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6074913) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (7695420) 3.50 Rupert (8535623) 4.15 Mike and Angelo (r) (4407062) 4.40 Sweat (9816555) 5.10 A Country Practice (7394081) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (T) and weather (201802)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (866159) 625 HTV Weather (775468) 6.30 The West Tonight (3)

7.00 Emmerdale An angry Biff confronts his mother, while the Dingles roll out their red carpet in anticipation of a visitor (1) (9325) 7.36 3-D A visit to a retirement village for pensioners in Phoenix, Arizona, asking whether it's an old people's haven or a ghetto of the future (1), (7)

8.00 The Bill: Psyback Beech and Carver have to piece together evidence to find the real culprit in a vicious attack, when neither the suspect nor the victim can remember (1) (9623)

My Wonderful Life New cornedy series charting the trials and tribulations of a hard-up, nononsense nurse (Emma Wray) (T) (8130)



Pertwee guards Steel (9.00pm)

9.00 Bodyguards: Out of the Bebes With Louise Lombard, Sean Pertwee, John Shrapnel and Dean Steel (1) (4642)

10.00 Election '97 As the polling stations close, Jonathan Dimbleby presents live coverage of the 1997 general election results, with only a tew short hours to go until Britain knows whether it is unde Labour or Conservative rule. Also in the studio are Michael Brunson, Alastair studio are michael profisor, russial Stewart and Sue Lawley, who discuss the outcome of an exit poil before the real results begin to roll in Including at 10.10pm ITN News and weather, plus regional updates throughout the night (5725913)

4.00 Planet Rock Profiles (40403579) 4.25 ITV Sport Classics (r) (40415314) 4.50 Sound Bites (64033666) 5.00 The Time, the Place (r) (35376) 5.30 News (20227)

CENTRAL As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9723159) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7394081)

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5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7394081) 6,00-7.00 Westcountry Live (13401)

5.25 Central News (874178)

MERIDIAN -As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9723159) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7394081) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (33)

ANGLIA As HTV West except:

6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (3)

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9723159) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7394081) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (157284)

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7.00 The Big Bresktast (25197) 9.00 Bewitched (96246) 9.30 Film: Down to Earth (55960062) 11.30 Kamchetka Journey (38888)

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1.30 Film: Watch Your Stern (34705623) 3,10 Avondale Dogs (3263389) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (91)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (6) 4,30 The Great Owl of the Mountain (10) 5.00 5 Pump (1081)

5.30 Countdown (62) 6.05 Heno (877265) 6,35 Bob Yn Ddau (742130) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (987536)

7.25 Talwm y Beirdd (245333) 8.00 Yng Nghwmni - Caryl (7265) 8.30 Newyddion (6772)

9.00 Heroes of Comedy: Alistair Sim (2284) 10.00 Etholiad 97 (488081) 10.15 Liwyth o Bols (416062)

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Textfiles (2050951) 9.10 The Elephant Show (6456468) 9.40 Archaeology (4030178) 10.10
Material World (1692246) 10.35 Don'd Drop
Dead (27732888) 11.00 Nationwide (2515642) 11.30 Take the High Road (2516371) 12.00 MacGyver (4951828) 1.00pm Cinnlints Nuachta (53015130) 1.25 Olreachtas Report (82054284) 1.45 Nice and Easy Cooking (98543062) 2.05 The Champions (9925081) 3.00 Live at Three (2594159) 4.00 Emmerdale | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100

CHANNEL 4 LOS AS AS 6.00am Sesame Street (r) (61710) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (25197) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (96246)

9.30 Down to Earth (1947) A lantasy musical on Broadway from heaven. With Larry Parks. Directed by Alexander Hall

11.25 Growing Animation (1057555) 11.30 Kamchaika Journey (r) (T) (38888) 12.30 pm Light Lunch (39178)

1.30 Cyclists Abroad A British Transport film 1.50 Lease of Life (1954) A drama about a

village vicar who is told he has only one year to live. With Robert Donat, Adrienne Corri, Denholm Elliott and Kay Walsh Directed by Charles Frend (T) (46426265) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (91) 4.00 Fifteen-to-

One (T) (6; 4.30 Countdown (T) (10) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (1081) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) 6.00 Springhill Father McGinley has some

friend in Eva (T) (75) 6.30 Hollyoaks Tony and Marilyn arrive back from a holiday in heli and Ruth is paying more attention to Kurt than to her A levels 7.00 Channel 4 News (T). Includes headlines

and weather at 7.30 (3772) 8.00 Mad About Machines Ron Wankling's fixation with mechanical tricks and gadgets (6/6) (T) (7265)

8.30 Taste of the Times Sophie Grigson uses couscous, coriander and honey to make a traditional Mexican meal with Karma



Robble Coltrane (9.00pm)

9.00 The Pope Must Die (1991) A salincal comedy with Robbie Colfrane as a country priest who is mistakeniy elected Pope. With Severty D'Angelo and Herbert Lorn. Directed by Peter Richardson (T) (75547997) 10.55 Maximum Overdrive (1986) with Emilio

Estevez and Pat Hingle. A bloodthirsty drama about a gang of killer truckers laying murderous ambushes at the side of a highway Written and directed by Stephen King (63932739) 12.40 sm Pulp (1972) with Michael Caine and Mickey Rooney. A writer of pulp crime novels is persueded to ghostwrite the

autobiography of an ageing gangster. Directed by Michael Klinger (231163) 2.30 The Disco Years A gay teenager in 1970s America finds acceptance at his

local disco (r) (41956) 3.00 Bitch A young woman finds out that a girl's best triend is definitely not her best friend (r) (86507111)

3.15 Lessons in the Language of Love Australian dating game (86593918) 3.35 Schools (246640)

5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (28869)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

MANAGE OF SHANDELS

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge, Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound:

6.00am 5 News Early (8155371) 7.30 Havakazoo (5900791) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8850913) 8.30 WideWorld (8859284)

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9.00 Espresso Consumer attars magazine (2897536) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7474449) 10.30 The Great Garden Game (r) (T)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (9506420) 11.50 Double Espresso (34807710) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8820772) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (4932791) 1.00 5 News Update (49258710) 1.05 Sunset Beach Glossy soap (3919333) 2.00 5's

Company. Live entertainment (7431062) 3.30 The Lady from Yesterday (1985) starring Wayne Rogers and Bonnie Bedelia. A happily-married man linds his life turned upside down when a beautiful woman from his past re-enters his life. Directed by Robert Day (3788604)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (35796333) 5.30 100 Per Cent Game show without a host 6.00 Whittle Quiz game hosted by Tim Vine

6.30 Family Affairs The continuing saga of the Hart family (T) (9690178)

7.00 Exclusive Gossip (6110389) 7.30 Wild States The wildlife of Florida's mineral-rich tcketucknee Springs (T)



Cooking with Nancy (8.00pm)

 8.00 Nancy Lam, assisted by husband Ben, prepares spare ribs, shark and stuffed mushrooms (1) (4148387) 6,30 5 News (1360082)

9.00 Madhouse (1990) starring John
Larroquette and Kirste Alley. A cornedy about a couple whose new suburban home turns into a battle zone when members of their family come to stay. Directed by Tom Ropelewski (90769265)

10.50 Exclusive Extra (4908913) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (5262888)

11.40 Bring Me the Head of Light ertainment Comedy panel game (5673197)

12.10em Live and Dangerous Sports magazine including highlights from Brazilian, Latin American and Assan league lootball (24023735) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4504289) 5.30 - 6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (2845173)

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory, published on Saturday

5KY 1

6.00em Morning Glory (931.178) 2.00 Regis and Kathre Lee (88571) 10.90 Another World (80284) 11.00 Days of Our Lines (40400) 72.00 Oprath Wintery (77823) 1.00pm Geraldo (86371) 2.00 Saty Jessy Raphael (18248) 3.00 Jenny Jones (86807) 4.00 Oprath Wintery (86807) 6.00 Real (V (7517) 6.30 Merried — with Children (197) 7.00 The Semponts (6791) 7.30 M*A*S*H (9851) 8.00 That Rock from the Sun (2739) 8.30 Tho Norm; (1248) 9.00 Seinleid (84825) 9.30 Med About You (78352) 10.00 Chicago Hope (15907) 11.00 Seina Scott (98371) 11.30 Star Teek: The Nerd Gerainston (96178) 12.30em L.A.P.D. (19647) 1.00 Hd Mix (8567685)

7.00pm Superboy (3649178) 8.00 Siders (7668178) 9.00 Highlander (7671642) 10.00 Tek Wer (7641401) 11.00 Late Show (8501864 at a 16414 his process (4591365) 12.00 Hd Max (2305024)

SKY 2

SKY NEWS Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the floor, 24 hours a day, seven days a veek

SKY MOVIES

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2.00pm The Battle of the Ville Floring (1965) (37401) 4.00 Inhumanoids. The Movie (1966) (8536) 6.00 Not Worth (1965) (36947178) 7.40 US Top 10 (78285) 8.00 Falling for You (1995) (12740) 10.00 Speechless (1994) (334710) 11.00 Red Shoe Disrless The Game (1995) (41873) 1.00 Transers V. Sudden Defit (1994) (3359869) 2.15 Tall, Dark and Deadly (1995) (23321) 3.45 Assain: to Danger (1995) (33321869) SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Demetrius and the Gladiniots (1954) (238772) 3.00 The Duchess and the Dirichmetr Fox (1976) (2370517) 10.00 Castallies of War (1995) (4464062) 72.00 The Monic Lower (1971) (8216182) 2.05sm This Property is Condensed (1966) (8472822) 3.55-5.30 El Graco (1966) (7760269)

9,00pm Spymaker: The Secret Life of 9,00pm Spymaker: The Secret Life of less Heining (1990) (78/08739) 41.15 Meet Me in Law Veges (1966) (70/08739) 1.15am - Zabriside Point (1970) (2650856) 3.15-8.00 Shiing Target 19770, 1971-2974 (1972) (30153208) SKY SPORTS 1

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7.00mm Sports Ceritic (76505) 7.30 Sports Unitrated (96913) 8.30 Racing News (94791) 9.00 Sports Ceritic (18371) 9.30 Sports Ceritic (18371) 9.30 Sports Ceritic (18371) 9.30 Live Golf: Indian Copie (47159) 12.30pm Bodrog (53807) 10.30 Live Golf: Indian Open (47159) 12.30pm Bodrog (54772) 3.00 Live Golf: Indian Open (10772) 4.50 Sports Ceritic (6809) 6.30 The Sports Ceritic (6809) 6.30 The Magic of Naz (6002) 7.30 Livepenin Pea Golf: Indian Open (30197) 9.30 Livepenin Pea Golf: Indian Open (30197) 9.30 Ceritic (6809) 1.100 Sports Ceritic (6809

SKY SPORTS 2 8.00pm Formula Three Racing (1114604) 9.00 Table Tentes (1117791) 11.00 Footbal Scrapbook (4283465) 12.30-1.00em Greatest Moments in Sport (7483753) SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Seach Volleytall (95455542) 1.00pm World of Super Leegue (62054081) 3.00

6.00em The Krypton Factor (7823265) 6.30 6.00am The Krypton Factor (7823295) 6.30 Graham's Ark (26181197) 6.50 Josie Smith (27106178) 7.00 Cotonston Sheet (5797975) 7.30 Families (67097.10) 8.00 Surprise, Surprise (1823284) 9.00 The Professionels (7738915) 10.00 Krypton Factor (9763807) 10.30 Doutor on the Go (9121739) 11.00 Wintin These Walls (6765139) 12.00 Coronation Sheet (9105791) 12.30 per Families (465651) 1.00 Alborn Market (6706282) 1.30 The Good Utie Guide (5006482) 2.00 Drum-monds (9764536) 3.00 Upstams, Down-stains (9961178) 4.00 Surprise, Surprise



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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (6491449) 8.25 Cuack Aback (6403284) 8.50 Bonkers (5008994) 7.15 The Lutle Mermand (6295082) 7.40 Aladdin (4585559) 8.05 Cuack Pack (2768710) 8.30 Gool Track (30517) 8.00 The Care Bears (4740333) 8.25 People Comme (4760489) 4.50 Memorit Quack Pack (2785716) as a substitution of the control of the contr

(\$618062) 4.10 Goof Troop (\$202807) 4.35 Bonkers (1973884) 5.00 Alactin (7220130) 5.25 Timon and Pumbaa (\$098884) 5.35 9.25 Hmon and Pumpas (CUSPOSS) 3.35 Mighty Ducks (740246) 6.00 New Doug (6468) 6.30 Boy Meers World (4820) 7.00 Brotherly Love (1807) 7.30 FILM: Califor-nia Woman (49739) 9.00 Date's World (72642) 9.30-10.00 Golden Gris (63333)

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5.30 Spiderman (3442371) **6.00-7,00** Goosebumps (3449284)

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Cartoons from 5.00em to 9.00pm Includes NICKELODEON

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6.00am Count Dustotta (75449) 6.30
Rocho's Modern Life (70197) 7.00 Hey
Amold (75567) 7.30 Rugrats (86604) 8.00
Coug (93062) 8.30 Arthur (82333) 9.00
CBBC (84197) 10.00 Wintzle's House
(61449) 10.30 Bather (12197) 11.00 Magic
School Bus (27179) 11.30 Mr Men/King
Rofo/Barney/Topsy and Trin/Stylari
(2807) 12.00 Bananas in Pylanas (84979)
12.30pm Little Bear Scories (21333) 1.00
CBBC (26988) 2.00 Dr Seuss (8791) 2.30
Kissylin (3739) 3.00 The Chapmunks (7826)
3.30 Bruno the Kid (8284) 4.00 Jumany
(7791) 4.30 Rugrats (3975) 5.00 Sister
Sister (2371) 5.30 Mosetra (7555) 6.00
Press Gang (4468) 6.30-7.00 Doug (8420)
TROUBLE

12.00 Hearlbreak High (4772284) 1.00pm Mackson (8556468) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (4753420) 2.00 Hangtime (4054731) 2.30 Caldonus Dreams (3574623) 3.00 Byker Grove (407826) 3.30 2-2-5 (3696468) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (3665975) 4.20 Hangtime (365159) 6.00 Saved by the Bell (4078371) 5.30 Caldonus Dreams (365759) 6.00 Byker Grove (3575362) 6.30 Mackson (3666604) 7.00-8.00 Hearlbreak High (8653555) BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (4074555) 9.00 Monsters (3156623) 9.30 Monsters

[4774913] 10.00 Tour of Duty (8852826) 11.00 FILM: Rage and Honour (2933642) 1.00em Starsky and Hutch (444956) 2.00 Tout of Duly (7685111) 3.00 FILM: Wreth of the Wendigo (3920482) 5.00 The New Twight Zone (8003314) PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Entertainment Uk (9807) 7.30 Roseanne (4604) 8.00 Roseenne (8555) 8.30 Monny Python (7082) 8.00 Cheers (30642) 9.30 Cybel (41197) 10.00 Frasset (44438) 10.30 Gany Shandhing (13826) 11.00 We Know Where You Uke (19159) 11.30 Nightstand (32994) 12.30em (26mal Knowledge (56937) 1.30 Cybel (50666) 2.00 Entertainment UK (72463) 2.30 We Know Where You Live (91538) 3.00 Frasset Poytzon 3.30-4.00 (46my Shandhing (75550) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00em The Twilight Zone (9096531) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected (5908821) 2.00 Enday the 13th (6258444) 3.00-4.00 Dark Shadows (9206395)

HOME & LEISURE 9.00cm The Joy of Pariting (7526975; 9.30)
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House (3140333) 11.30 This Old House
(3140062) 12.00 Yan Can Cook (7546739)
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2.30 Furniture to Go (3887197) 3.00 Two's
Country Cooking (4046772) 3.30-4.00 This DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rez Hunt (3678449) 4.30 Driving Passons (3667339) 5.00 Torra Y (4058517) 5.30 Mystenes, Magic and Minades (3681913) 6.00 Wadfam (3688256) 6.30 The Global Family (3679178) 7.00 Beyond 2000 (4061081) 7.30 Dessier (3668062) 8.00 Denger Zone (8842449) 9.00 Top Marques (3169197) 9.30 Earthquake (4754159) 10.00 Justick Files (8826772) 11.00 Best of Brush (8539791) 12.00 Classic Wheels (8096840) 1.00am Disaster (1009259) 1.30-2.00 Bevond 2000 (2993024) 1.30-2.00 Beyond 2000 (2393024) THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Ancient Mysteries (5423401) 5.00 Kneght: and Armour (6108410) 6.00 D-Day The Total Serry (3893401) 7.00-8.00

SATELLITE AND CABLE CHALLENGE TV

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Double strike by Swede leaves World Cup qualification in jeopardy

Andersson puts Scots to the sword

IN GOTHENBURG

WITH THIS defeat in the Ullevi Stadium, Scotland are once more embroiled in a tense contest in World Cup qualifying group. They may still head the table, but they are no longer aloof. The result was merited because although Gallacher scored in the 83rd minute, heading home McAllister's corner, the ability to influence play had been

demonstrated far too late. Scotland came to Gothenburg in the belief that they could at last live up to their statistics, as leaders of group four, and play in a majestic manner. Such notions, however, were soon dismantled by Sweden and Craig Brown's team were forced to stick to what they do best.

Penned in their own half, Scotland once again depended on defensive organisation and the trenchant character of Calderwood and Hendry. Even before losing a 43rdminute goal to Kennet Andersson, the game had hardly made for easy viewing for Brown. Despite the loss of Schwarz, through injury, Sweden's control was not to be

Feelings of apprehension within the Scotland side were magnified by a fear that the referee was an indomitable adversary too. Pierluigi Collina is something of a cult figure in Britain, thanks to television coverage of Serie A. but he should not now expect

to become an idol as well. Before the interval, he awarded Sweden four freekicks on the edge of the penalty area and three of the decisions were horly-disputed. The attempts on goal that followed were, however, humdrum and only Schwarz's drive, turned over by Leighton, caused a flutter. There

GROUP FOUR

was, in truth, more to worry about than Collina's eccentric-

Any exchange of passes was a troublesome transaction on a night when fluency eluded Scotland. Only rwice in the first half was their progress into Sweden's half purposeful. After 11 minutes, Burley's backheel invited McAllister to shoot, but his gentle effort may have made Ravelli, on his 138th appearance in goal for his country, feel as if there are many more caps to be won.

In the 26th minute, there was an even more awkward chance for McAllister as he stretched to reach a Jackson cross and lifted the ball over. At that stage, each Scotland attack seemed freakish, so little did it fit the mood of the game. Sweden could not be distracted from their examination of the Scotland defence and the means of prising it

Dahlin had always ap-peared the man most likely to achieve the task. In November, at Ibrox, he had suffered a strain early in the match that forced his removal. Last night, Scotland were not to be spared prolonged exposure to the Borussia Mönchengladbach forward. Swift on the run and surprisingly capable of springing to the high ball, he was often denied but never

Dahlin also seemed happy to deal in the game's rough arts when Sweden took the ball left Hendry off-balance and as the Scotland defender tumbled. Dahlin headed into the path of Kennet Andersson. His exquisite volley, from some 18 yards, flew into the net past Leighton's right hand. It was the first time since the 1990 World Cup that the

play, but the blow to his pride mattered far less than the damge it caused to Scotland's They had not been masters of their own fate and, after 31 minutes, Dahlin had been close to scoring when his low drive. from Zetterberg's cor-

Hibernian veteran had conceded a goal in tournament

ner, needed to be cleared off the line by Lambert. Once Sweden had found the net, however, the imperatives of the match shifted. If Tommy Svensson's team were no longer so authoritative, they also had less need of domination. Scotland were permitted a little more possession and a cut-back by Gallacher that eluded Jackson and McAllister may have effected repairs to the team's confi-

Nonetheless Sweden had begun to look relaxed and precision comes readily to

team still yet reach the World Cup finals in France but that first-half goals in a 3-1 victory before the second goal Zetterberg had seen a considrite of passage will not be ered shot hit the bar and, after

SETERIE.
SWEDEN (4-3-3): T Ravell (FK Gothenburg) — G Sundigren (AlK Stockholm), P Anderseon (Bonssia Mönchengladbach), J Bjorklund (Rangers), P Kamarik (Leocater City) — J Them (AS Roma), P Zeitscharg (Anderlecht), S Schwarz (Frovertina, sub: H Mild, Real Sociedad, 12mm) — A Anderseon (FR), K Anderseon (Bologna), M Dahlim (Borussie Mönchendalbach)

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Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), T Boyd (Cettic)
- C Burley (Chelseat), G Mohallister
(Coventry Cny), P Lembert (Borussia
Dormund), J Collins (AS Monaco), T
McKintay (Cettic, sub S Gentrefill, Nothingham Forest, 67) — D Jackson (Hibernian;
sub, G Durle, Rangers, 66), K Gelfscher
(Blackgurn Rovers)

elimination. Wales were already out of contention in Oliveira gave Belgium the

lead in the thirteenth minute and doubled it in the thirtieth. Derelioglu replied in the 35th, beating five Belgium players in the penalty area, but Oliveira, receiving a pass from Emile Mpenza, scored his third in the 44th minute.

great chance to equalise when Connolly set Houghton free with a superb ball from midfield. Houghton ran through with only Stelea to beat, but just when it looked as if he had overrun the ball. Stelea

ground. Mario van der Ende, the

Romania responded swiftly and it was only a superb tackle from Gary Kelly that saved a second goal when Petrescuthe Chelsea defender, went

(Grisshopper Zurich), A lile (Gelensearg; sub: Gabrier Popescu, Universitalea Cra-rova, 83 | IRELAND (4-5-1): A Kelty (Sneifield United) — D Invan (Manchester United; sub: J Kanna, Blacksum Rovers, 49) K Curming-ham (Windbedom), I Herts (Leeds United), R sub: A Cascarine, Néncy, 75), S Staumion (Aston Villa) — G Kelty (Leeds United), R Houghton (Crystal Palace); R Keane (Manchester United), A Townsend (Auton Villa), M Kennerky (I lezerynt)

Morgan reveals knockout excuse

BY PHIL YATES

DARREN MORGAN yesterday added to the legion of excuses that have been offered over the years for defeat in the Embassy world snooke championship. After his 13-10 loss to Stephen Hendry in the quarterfinals, Morgan insisted that the presence of "Prince" Nascem Ham ed, the boxer, during the second session on Tues-day evening had been "intimidating". Morgan led 6-4 when

the outspoken and often outrageous Hamed, a good friend of Hendry's, took his place in the press seats that are close to the table.

There was no disturbance or interruption to the match and Hamed, a native of Sheffield who is a regular visitor to the Crucible during championship fortnight, was

impeccably behaved. Even so, Morgan, who lost two frames before asking officials to relocate Hendry's celebrated supporter to a less "in your face" position. claimed that his presence had a massive bearing" on the result.

fellow and I've got nothing against him, but when he walked through the curtain, it was intimidating for me." Morgan said. "It definitely put me off. I was concentrating more on him than the snooker. That's why I politely asked for him to be moved. He's got an intimidating face and I kept imagining he was ng to sock me one."

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tage point.

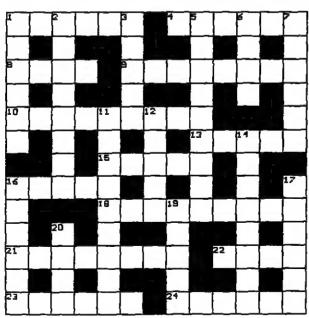
Hamed, who defends his World Boxing Organisation and Interna-tional Boxing Federation featherweight champion-ships on Sannday, nev-ertheless spent the remainder of the session in a private box, where he saw Hendry pull away from 6-6 into a 9-7 overnight lead.

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Keane leaves Ireland in tight spot

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN BUCHAREST

A MISSED penalty by Roy Keane cost Ireland dear in Bucharest last night. Keane's second-half miss meant that they were unable to rescue a point despite a spirited display and, consequently, reduced their chances significantly of qualifying for the World Cup finals.

Mick McCarthy, the freland manager, not surprisingly

made six changes in the side that lost 3-2 against FYR Macedonia earlier in the month. Most intriguing of all was the inclusion of Connolly, the Watford striker, who had not played for his country in

McCarthy also opted for a 4-5-1 formation. flooding the midfield, instead of the ineffective 3-5-2 system that he used in Skopje. It functioned per-fectly initially, with Ireland making a promising start and quickly reducing the majority of the 25,000 crowd to jeering the Romania players. Ireland made most of the

running, threatening first from a 30-yard free kick after

Popescu, the former Totten-ham Hotspur midfield player, had fouled Keane. Staunton's well-struck shot was comfortably caught by Stelea. Soon after, Staunton delivered a delightful ball forward for Connolly, only for Prodan to

63 minutes, the outcome of the

tie was determined. Kennet

Andersson, unexpectedly

manoueverable for so tall a

forward, took Dahlin's pass

and twisted inside Calderwood before firing be-

yond Leighton from a dozen

It was his 27th goal on his 56th appearance for Sweden

and it stripped the losers not

only of the points but also of their contentment. Brown's

yards.

snuff out the danger.
In the twentieth minute, Ireland were gifted the best chance of the match so far when Munteanu's back pass fell woefully short of Stelea. Connolly, who has scored twice in four international appearances, latched on to the ball but was unable to squeeze it past the goalkeeper.

when he beat the home offside trap with a finely-judged run. but with several teammates waiting he made a poor attempt at a cross. Little was seen of Romania, even the talented Popescu as Ireland continued to push forward. In the 33rd minute, how-

ever, Romania went ahead with one of their first effective affacks of the game. Hagi eluded Townsend and crossed deep into the Ireland area. Harte's header carried little distance and Ilie had time and space to control the ball before volleying past Kelly.

A scrappy spell followed,
which included bookings for Irwin, Filipescu and Hagi, but Ireland, driven on by Keane and Townsend, finished the half the stronger. A minute before the interval, a long ball forward by Gary Kelly found Connolly in space. Stelea ran off his line to try to intercept but Connolly headed over him for what looked a certain goal. Just as it appeared though, that the ball was going to cross the line, Prodan

got back to head it away. Two minutes into the second half, Ireland were given a GROUP EIGHT

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brought him crashing to the

referee, had no hesitation in awarding a penalty. Keane strode up to take his first international penalty and, although he struck it firmly, Stelea atoned for his earlier error with a superb save as he dived to his right.

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